

Trump threatens to raise Chinese tariffs to 25% this week

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump turned up the pressure on China on Sunday, threatening to hike tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods. Trump's comments, delivered on Twitter, came as a Chinese delegation was scheduled to resume talks in Washington on Wednesday aimed at resolving a trade war that has shaken financial markets and cast gloom over the world economy.

Trump turned up the heat by saying he would raise import taxes on \$200 billion in Chinese products to 25% from 10% on Friday. He'd twice pushed back

deadlines — in January and March — to raise the tariffs in a bid to buy more time for a negotiated settlement. But on Sunday, Trump, who has called himself a "tariff man," said he's losing patience. "The Trade Deal with China continues, but too slowly, as they attempt to renegotiate. No!" Trump tweeted.

In his tweets, Trump also threatened to slap tariffs on another \$325 billion in Chinese imports, covering everything China ships annually to the United States. The two countries are locked in a high-stakes dispute over China's push to establish itself as a technological super power.

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In this Jan. 31, 2019, file photo President Donald Trump, left, meets with Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, far right, at the White House in Washington.

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CHINESE TARRIFS Continued from Front

The U.S. charges that China is resorting to predatory tactics — including cybertheft and forcing foreign companies to hand over technology — in a drive to establish Chinese companies as world leaders in advanced industries such as robotics and electric vehicles. The administration has repeatedly suggested that the negotiators are making progress. A month ago, Trump said that the two countries were "rounding the turn" and predicted that "something monumental" would be achieved in the next few weeks. But last week, Treasury

Secretary Steven Mnuchin seemed to temper expectations, suggesting that Washington was willing to "move on" if it can't get the deal it wants. A substantive deal would require China to rethink the way it pursues its economic ambitions, abandoning or scaling back subsidies to its companies, easing up on the pressure for foreign companies to share trade secrets, and giving them more access to the Chinese market. Philip Levy, senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and a White House economist under President George W. Bush, said the talks are too complicated for Trump's high-

pressure tactics to work. "The president treats this like we're haggling over the price of a used car," Levy said. Trump has made a priority of shaking up American trade policy. As a candidate for the presidency, Trump raged repeatedly about alleged Chinese perfidy — so much so that a video mashup of him spitting out the word "China" went viral and collected more than 15 million views on Youtube.com. Trump charged that previous administrations, gullible and weak, had let China get away with abusive trade practices, accepting empty promises from Beijing and allowing the

U.S.-China economic relationship to grow ever more lopsided. As evidence, he pointed to America's vast U.S. trade deficit with China — \$379 billion last year, by far the biggest with any country in the world. Once he took office, Trump's relationship with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, seemed to get off to a good start. The two men shared chocolate cake and amiable conversation at Trump's resort in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, in April 2017. A few weeks later, China agreed to open its market U.S. beef, cooked chicken, and natural gas in what Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross called a "herculean accomplishment." The romance faded. In March 2018, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative issued a report accusing China of using predatory tactics to strengthen its tech companies. Last July, the Trump administration gradually began slapping import taxes on Chinese goods to pressure Beijing into changing its policies. It now has imposed 10% tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports and 25% tariffs on another \$50 billion. The Chinese have retaliated by targeting \$110 billion in U.S. imports. The fight between the world's two biggest economies is raising worries about global economic growth. The International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and others have downgraded their forecasts for the world

economy, saying the U.S.-China standoff is reducing world trade and creating uncertainty for companies trying to decide where to buy supplies, build factories, and make investments. Trump has portrayed his tariffs as a moneymaker for the United States and a benefit to the U.S. economy. But a March study by economists from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Columbia University, and Princeton University found that the burden of Trump's tariffs — including taxes on steel, aluminum, solar panels, and Chinese imports — falls entirely on U.S. consumers and businesses who buy imported products. By the end of last year, the study found, they were paying \$3 billion a month in higher taxes and absorbing \$1.4 billion a month in lost efficiency. Nonetheless, the overall U.S. economy has remained healthy. On Friday, the government reported that the U.S. unemployment rate had fallen to the lowest level in half a century. The prospect of higher tariffs and heightened tensions could alarm investors when markets open Monday. "When the president puts his foot down, it makes the market go down," Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Union Bank, wrote in a research note Sunday. "Tariff man is back just in time to make the stock market dive, dive, dive." □

Health officials: Arizona sees surge of hepatitis A cases

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona is seeing a surge in hepatitis A cases, mostly in the Tucson area but also in metro Phoenix, health officials say. The outbreak of the viral disease that affects the liver began in November and cases have continued to rise since then despite efforts to step up vaccinations. The Arizona Republic reports the outbreak could take months to rein in. Many cases have been reported among homeless people, individuals with precarious housing situations and those who use il-

licit drugs. The homeless are more vulnerable to hepatitis A, which easily spreads when people do not have access to good hygiene and do not wash their hands after using the restroom. The disease can also spread through contaminated food and water. So far in 2019, Arizona has seen 212 cases, higher than any yearly statewide total in more than a decade, according to state statistics. Arizona health officials said they expect the number to rise. Although there have been no Arizona deaths from the

disease this year, public health officials say many of those infected had to be hospitalized. Hepatitis A causes the liver to swell, resulting in jaundice, fatigue, stomach pain, nausea and diarrhea. People can be contagious for two weeks before and for one week after symptoms appear. A blood test is the most common way to confirm someone has it. The majority of Arizona's hepatitis A cases have been concentrated in the Tucson area, said Pima County Health Department's Deputy Director Paula Mandel.

In Phoenix, health providers are working to vaccinate those at risk, said Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine, medical director for disease control at the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. She said more than 90 percent of the cases in the county have required hospitalization, she said. In Maricopa County, hepatitis A has been detected among people who have recently been in jail, along with the homeless and those who misuse drugs, Sunenshine said. The vaccine consists of two doses administered six months apart.

Hepatitis A has been a recommended childhood vaccine since the mid-1990s. Maricopa County requires the vaccination for preschool children, but not for those in grades K-12. Along with getting vaccinated, public health officials suggest strategies that include handwashing with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before eating or preparing food; avoiding sex with anyone who has hepatitis A; and not sharing towels, toothbrushes, eating utensils, food, drinks, smokes or drug paraphernalia with other people. □

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Self-improvement guru set to face 'sex slave' accusers

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It was called "collateral" — nude photos and other embarrassing material that female members of an upstate New York self-improvement group turned over to their "masters" to ensure obedience, silence and sexual fealty to the organization's spiritual leader, Keith Raniere.

Now some former members of the group, NXIVM, are poised to break their vow of silence for the first time by testifying against Raniere, who has been compared to a cult leader. Opening arguments are set for Tuesday at a federal court in Brooklyn.

Among the more sensational allegations: Some women "slaves" in a secret NXIVM sorority were branded with Raniere's initials as part of their initiation. Others were threatened with the release of their collateral if they didn't have unwanted sex with him. Prosecutors have been tight-lipped about who will testify about the sorority, called DOS, an acronym for a Latin phrase roughly translated as "Lord/master of obedient women." There's speculation that former members of Raniere's inner circle including TV actress Allison Mack and Lauren Salzman, the daughter of the group's top executive, could take the witness stand against him.

U.S. District Judge Nicholas

Garaufis has yet to rule on a request by prosecutors to protect the privacy of some alleged victims, referred to as "Jane Does" in court papers, by only using their first names, nicknames or pseudonyms while they testify — measures needed to protect them from "potential harassment" and "undue embarrassment."

Raniere, 58, has pleaded not guilty to sex-trafficking and other charges. His lawyers have opposed what they call "unusual and dubious" protections that would violate his constitutional right to confront his accusers. They add it would "unfairly signal to the jury that, in the court's view, the witness is a victim of a sex crime who is in danger." Either way, the case has resulted in a dramatic downfall for Raniere from a time when he was known as "Vanguard" by devotees in the United States and Mexico.

Promotional material for the now-disbanded NXIVM once hailed him as a "scientist, mathematician, philosopher, entrepreneur, educator, inventor and author" who has "devoted his life to developing new tools for human empowerment, expression and ethics."

Last year, after a New York Times expose on the group and reports that investigators were interviewing some women who had defected from DOS, Raniere fled to Mexico. He was ultimately found staying with Mack

and other women in a luxury villa in Puerto Vallarta and taken into custody on a U.S. warrant.

Mack, best known for her role as a young Superman's close friend on the series "Smallville," also was charged, along with Clare Bronfman, an heir to the Seagram liquor fortune who bankrolled NXIVM. Salzman and two others also faced charges.

But after prosecutors added child exploitation



In this Jan. 28, 2019 file photo, Lauren Salzman leaves Brooklyn federal court in New York.

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charges against Raniere earlier this year based evidence he had sex with a 15-year-old girl, all of his co-defendants pleaded guilty . □



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Trump now says Mueller should not testify before Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Sunday that special counsel Robert Mueller should not testify before Congress, abandoning his previous declaration that he would leave that decision to his attorney general.

Escalating tensions with House Democrats as they seek to bring Mueller before the House Judiciary Committee, Trump tweeted: "Bob Mueller should not testify. No redos for the Dems!"

Democrats are seeking more information about Mueller's report on his Russia investigation. Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., has said he doesn't plan to invite Mueller to testify on the report.

Trump told reporters in the



In this March 24, 2019, file photo, special counsel Robert Mueller departs St. John's Episcopal Church, across from the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

the committee said he was hopeful Mueller would testify, noting that May 15 has been proposed.

Rhode Island Rep. David Cicilline told "Fox News Sunday" that "we hope the special counsel will appear" at that time and that "we think the American people have a right to hear directly from him."

Cicilline later tweeted that "nothing has been agreed to yet."

The House Judiciary Committee chairman, Democratic Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, said last week the committee was "firming up the date" for Mueller's testimony and hoping it would be May 15.

Cicilline said on Fox that "obviously until the date comes, we never have an absolute guarantee" and in his tweet later, said that "we hope the Special Counsel" will agree to the proposed date for his testimony.

Spokespeople for the Justice Department and Mueller declined to comment on Cicilline's remarks and on Trump's tweet.

Democratic lawmakers expressed their displeasure with Trump's position. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer tweeted, in part: "Now he's trying to silence Mueller."

For a man who constantly proclaims his innocence, @realDonaldTrump is acting awfully guilty. Mueller must testify publicly before Congress."

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, noted in a tweet that Trump's opposition to Mueller testifying follows his opposition to having a former White House counsel testify.

"Barr's testimony alone — designed to protect Trump — isn't going to cut it. □

Oval Office last week that testimony from Mueller was "up to our attorney general." William Barr has said he has no objection to Mueller testifying.

Trump again asserted on Twitter Sunday that Mueller's report revealed "NO COLLUSION" and argued that there was "NO OBSTRUCTION."

On collusion, Mueller said he did not assess whether that occurred because it is not a legal term. He looked into a potential criminal conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign and said the investigation did not collect sufficient evidence to establish criminal charges on that front. Mueller didn't charge Trump with obstruction but wrote that he couldn't exonerate him, either.

Trump did not indicate if he would take any steps to block Mueller, who is a Justice Department employee.

The president tweeted Sunday after a Democrat on

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Uncertain future for 'super' seaweed after court ruling

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Maine's seaweed business has grown like a weed in recent years, with proponents touting it as both a "superfood" and an economic generator for the rural state — but the industry is now facing sticky new restrictions.

Maine has a long tradition of seaweed harvesting, in which the algae is gathered for a wide variety of commercial uses, including some popular food products. Now, a recent court ruling could dramatically change the nature of the business in Maine, which has seen the harvest of the gooey stuff grow by leaps and bounds in the last decade, industry members said.

The state's highest court ruled last month that permission from coastal landowners is needed for harvesting rockweed, a type of seaweed that's critical to the industry. The Maine Seaweed Council, an industry advocacy group, has called the ruling "a disappointing setback" that will force harvesters to adjust.

The court's decision could mandate the implementation of rules that are difficult to enforce, said George Seaver, a vice president of Waldoboro firm Ocean Organics who has been involved in processing rockweed for 40 years. Rockweed is harvested from tidal mudflats where property boundaries can be ill-defined, he said.

"You can't put a pin in the mud, and you certainly can't put a pin in the water," Seaver said. "One of the fundamental things about the court case is who owns the intertidal zone."

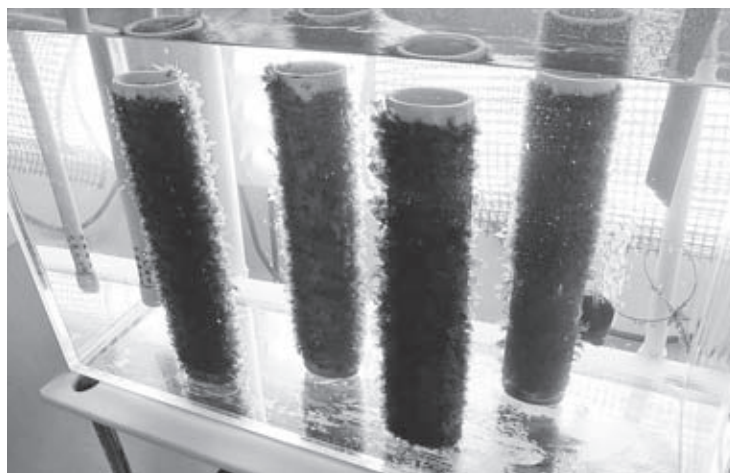
The Maine Supreme Judicial Court's ruling was an outgrowth of a lawsuit involving Acadian Seaplants, a Canadian company that has harvesting operations in rural Maine. The court ruled that rockweed grown in the intertidal zone is the private property of upland land owners. That means it "cannot be harvested by members of the public as a matter of right," the justices

ruled.

Gordon Smith, a Portland attorney representing the group of landowners, said one of their motivators was conservation. Rockweed has been harvested at an accelerated rate in recent years, causing some in coastal Maine to question its sustainability.

The harvest of seaweed in Maine reached its highest point in recent recorded history in 2018, at more than 22 million pounds (10 million kilograms), according to the Maine Department of Marine Resources. The harvest in the 2000s was frequently less than 10 million pounds (4.5 million kilograms), before interest began to shoot up in the early part of this decade.

Rockweed typically makes up most of the state's seaweed harvest, which was valued at a little less than \$1 million at the docks last year. But the total economic impact seaweed has on the state is around \$20 million per year, said Trey Angera, a member of the Maine Seaweed Council. And these days, edible seaweeds — which also in-



In this Nov. 4, 2015, file photo, kelp grows on spools of twine in an aquarium at a lab at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

Associated Press

clude dulse, sugar kelp, Irish moss and others — have cachet in Maine and beyond. Saturday was the final day of Maine's first "Seaweed Week," which put a focus on restaurants that use the product. Part of the driving force behind the seaweed industry's boom is the accompanying wave of interest in health foods, "neutraceuticals" and nutritional supplements. It's also become more popular to feed to cows because of possible environmental benefits.

But the property owners

have their own environmental concerns, arguing in the lawsuit they "think that rockweed is a vital cornerstone of the Gulf of Maine food web, and other species depend on it," Smith said. "The concern had to do with the extraction of a resource that all these fisheries depend on." Seaver, Angera and others in the business said it's unclear how the ruling will shape the seaweed harvest in years to come, other than that harvesters will now need to ask permission from landowners. □



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Backers seek funds for North Dakota Teddy Roosevelt library

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Walmart heir, a wealthy governor and energy companies profiting from North Dakota oil could fund a big chunk of the private money needed by developers of a presidential library for Theodore Roosevelt in the western Badlands where he hunted and ranched before becoming the 26th U.S. president.

It's unclear how much money might come from the Roosevelt family itself, though at least one descendant lobbied state lawmakers on behalf of the project.

Legislators last month approved \$50 million to operate the library, but that must be matched by \$100 million in private money to build it and fund an ongoing project at Dickinson State University to digitize tens of thousands of Roosevelt's papers.

Roosevelt spent four years on a ranch in the North Dakota Badlands while in his 20s. The area of rugged hills, ridges, buttes and bluffs is now a national park and the state's top tourist attraction. An effort to build a presidential library in his native New York failed — and North Dakota leaders saw an opportunity. The library foundation has \$52 million in private pledges. The source hasn't been publicly disclosed, but all indications are that most of it is coming from former Walmart Inc. Chairman Rob Walton and his wife, Melani, a Dickinson State graduate and library foundation board member. Melani Walton referred



In this June 11, 2014 file photo, James Lyons and Florence Reaves, from Kirkwood, Mo., hike to a stone lookout over the Little Missouri River inside the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, located in the Badlands of North Dakota.

questions from The Associated Press to the Walton Family Foundation. Spokeswoman Kiki McLean didn't immediately comment.

Gov. Doug Burgum, who pushed for state support, told lawmakers in January that they could expect some quick and large private donations if they approved public money. He then brought the Waltons and a Roosevelt descendant to Bismarck to meet with lawmakers.

"We were led to believe at least one big donor that was planning on giving — if the state put up \$50 million, they were willing to match it," Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner said. "They

(the Waltons) were at the Capitol in January stumping for it. I guess it's really no secret."

Neither the governor's office nor foundation CEO Mike Eggl would reveal who has made pledges. Eggl said the foundation has a two-year goal to raise the remaining \$48 million. The North Dakota Petroleum Council, a trade group representing about 500 energy companies, backs the project. President Ron Ness said both the council and individual oil and gas companies are likely to contribute "substantial support."

Burgum, who sold a software company to Microsoft in 2001 for \$1.1 billion

and later worked as a Microsoft executive, will contribute, his spokesman Mike Nowatzki said. But he wouldn't say how much.

Tweed Roosevelt, Theodore's great-grandson and CEO of the New York-based Theodore Roosevelt Association formed by Congress in 1920 to perpetuate Roosevelt's legacy, said the association is likely to pledge only "some token support" because it has its own money needs. As far for whether he would donate, he said, "I'll cross that bridge when I get there, but I'm not a rich guy."

Theodore Roosevelt V lobbied lawmakers on behalf of the project, but efforts by the AP to reach him, and his

wife, Serena, who serves on the foundation board were unsuccessful. Great-great grandson Kermit Roosevelt III, who also serves on the library foundation board, did not respond to requests for comment.

A few national groups also have pledged general support but not money, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Foundation, and the Boone and Crockett Club, a hunting and habitat conservation group founded by Roosevelt.

The library and museum would be built in Medora, a tourist town on the doorstep of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Ed Schafer, son of the town's developer and a former governor and U.S. agriculture secretary, heads the foundation that oversees development in the area. Neither he nor the group plan to donate to the library project.

"Our responsibility, in my opinion, is to keep Medora strong and vibrant, because that's the best thing for the library, to be integrated into the community." □



Stretch of road in Los Angeles renamed Obama Boulevard

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A stretch of road in Los Angeles has been renamed after former President Barack Obama.

A concert and ceremony Saturday unveiled Obama Boulevard. The street replaced Rodeo Road, a 3 1/2-mile street that runs across the city's historic black neighborhood. It also intersects with Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and further establishes a "presidential row" that includes Washington, Adams and Jefferson boulevards.

"I get to live in a lifetime where we elected our first black president," The Rev. Russell Thornhill of South Los Angeles told KABC TV. "I get to share that with my mother, who's 92 years old who voted and actually went to the inauguration. I called her before I came here to let her know what I was doing, and she was just in tears because she was seeing in her lifetime ... the naming of a street of the first black president in this community."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti noted at Saturday's ceremony that Obama Boulevard is in a section of the city that has a number of other streets named after presidents, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"As we drive through this city and we see past presidents on Adams, on Washington, on Jefferson, now we'll have one that was

in our lifetime, who was a president for everybody: Barack Hussein Obama," Garcetti said.

A couple who proposed the name change told the Times they wanted to raise the profile of the road, attract more funding for the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw neighborhood and honor the 44th president.

"With this change, we are publicly documenting what Obama's legacy as our nation's first black President means to our city and our South Los Angeles community," City Council President Herb Wesson said in a statement.

"For every child who will drive down this street and see the President's name, this will serve as a physical reminder that no goal is out of reach and that no dream is too big."

While residents were receptive to having a street named after Obama, some believed organizers should have chosen a more prominent street. Wesson argued Rodeo Road was symbolically important: The road is home to Rancho Cienega Sports Complex, where Obama held a campaign rally when he was running for president in 2007.

For decades, discriminatory practices, including the use of racially restrictive covenants on deeds to keep people of color from buying homes, kept the area off-limits to non-

whites. After the U.S. Supreme Court banned housing discrimination, and segregation was scaled back, black residents moved into the formerly white enclave of Baldwin Hills and established the first of L.A.'s black middle- and upper-class neighborhoods. □



In this Thursday Dec. 20, 2018, file photo, signs have gone up naming a section of a Los Angeles-area freeway as the President Barack H. Obama Highway, seen from Pasadena, Calif.

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Let's make a Brexit deal, UK PM May tells Labour opposition

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Conservative government and opposition Labour Party have a duty to strike a compromise Brexit agreement to end months of political deadlock over Britain's exit from the European Union, Prime Minister Theresa May said Sunday. Writing in the Mail on Sunday newspaper, May told Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn: "Let's do a deal." The prospect of a cross-party compromise has alarmed many Conservatives, and May acknowledged that it was "not what I wanted, either." "But we have to find a way to break the deadlock — and I believe the results of the local elections give fresh urgency to this," she wrote. The Conservatives are desperate to move forward after losing hundreds of



Prime Minister Theresa May addresses delegates during the Scottish Conservatives' annual party conference at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, Friday May 3, 2019.

Associated Press

positions in last week's local authority elections. Labour also suffered losses as voters punished both main parties for the Brexit impasse. Almost three years after Britain voted to leave the EU,

the date and terms of Brexit remain uncertain. The U.K.'s departure date has been postponed from March 29 until Oct. 31 because May has been unable to get British lawmakers to approve

her divorce deal with the EU.

But suggestions that May's government might make a deal that accepts Labour's demand for close economic ties with the EU have infu-

riated pro-Brexit Conservatives, who are demanding May's resignation.

"We have to make a change," former Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith told LBC radio. "The message was loud and clear that, since March 29, people have decided they are absolutely furious with the political class."

Labour Party politicians are wary about making a deal that could be seen as helping the archrival Conservatives deliver Brexit. Many party members and lawmakers want Labour to support a new, second referendum on Britain's EU membership that could reverse voters' 2016 decision to leave.

They point to big gains in the local elections for the anti-Brexit Liberal Democrats and Green Party as evidence the public would welcome a second referendum. □

Government's candidate wins North Macedonia runoff

By KONSTANTIN TESTORIDES
Associated Press

SKOPJE, North Macedonia (AP) — Stevo Pendarovski, the presidential candidate

backed by North Macedonia's center-left government, won the presidency Sunday in a runoff election with a conservative rival.



Stevo Pendarovski, a presidential candidate of the ruling coalition led by the Social Democrats, talks to the media outside a polling station after voting in the presidential election in Skopje, North Macedonia, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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State election commission chief Oliver Derkorski announced late Sunday that with nearly 99 percent of the votes counted, Pendarovski, the candidate of the ruling Social Democratic Union, had won with 51.8% of the votes. Gordana Siljanovska Davkova, the candidate favored by the conservative opposition VMRO-DPMNE party, got 44.5%. The two politicians had each received about 42% in the first round of voting April 21, which had three candidates.

Even before the official announcement, Social Democrat supporters had gathered at the party's headquarters in downtown Skopje, the country's capital, to celebrate as favor-

able results trickled in.

"This is a victory for all who are convinced that we have to continue forward together and I promise I'll serve all the people equally," Pendarovski said from the Social Democrats' headquarters. He also thanked the people for their "wise choice."

"Our path is paved with success. ... We all will continue to move forward toward our common goal of progress and ... toward NATO and the European Union," said Prime Minister Zoran Zaev.

Siljanovska accepted her defeat but took a rosy view. "The figures say defeat, but I've never felt more fulfilled ..," she said. "I believed I could help Macedonia to

gain democracy. ... I know that the other candidate has won, but I know that I did not lose the battle."

The election was seen as a test of the government's pro-West policies. Pendarovski backed the government deal with Greece that renamed the country in exchange for NATO membership, while Siljanovska criticized it.

A key question in the runoff had been whether voter turnout would reach the 40% threshold needed for the election to be valid. The head of the election commission said the final turnout figure was 46.4% of registered voters, in what he had earlier termed a "peaceful and dignified" election. □



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Month of Ramadan fasting for many Muslims begins Monday

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Muslims in Southeast Asian countries like Indonesia and Malaysia, and much of the Middle East, including Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, will fast on Monday for the start of the month of Ramadan. Millions more, however, in India, Pakistan and Iran, will likely be marking the start of the lunar month on Tuesday based on moon sightings there.

Muslims follow a lunar calendar, and a moon-sighting methodology can lead to different countries declaring the start of Ramadan a day or two apart. Traditionally, countries announce if their moon-sighting council spots the Ramadan crescent the evening before fasting begins. Across the world, Muslims fast each day for the entire month of Ramadan, abstaining from food and drink from dawn to dusk. That means around 15 hours without food, water, cigarettes or caffeine. Fasting is aimed at drawing worshippers closer to God through self-control, remembrance and humility. The challenge of fasting for many is also a chance to reset spiritually and physically, kick bad habits and purify the heart.

During the day, Muslims must also abstain from sex, gossip and cursing, and are encouraged to focus on meditative acts like prayer, reading the Quran and charity.

It's common practice across many Muslim-majority nations for liquor stores and hotels to curb the sale of alcohol during Rama-

dan. Often, restaurants shutter their doors during the day.

Those exempt from fasting include children, the elderly, the sick, women who are pregnant, nursing or menstruating, and people travelling.

The Ramadan fast begins with a pre-dawn meal called "suhoor" to prepare hungry stomachs for the long day ahead. A typical suhoor often includes bread, vegetables, fruits, yogurt, tea, as well as lentils and beans.

At sunset, when it's time to mark the end of the daylong fast, families and friends gather for an evening meal known as "iftar." Muslims typically break their fast as the Prophet Muhammad did some 1,400 years ago, by eating sweet dates and drinking water, followed by a sunset prayer. Then, the iftar meals are enjoyed. These are often lavish affairs of home-cooked platters of rice, stews and meat, as well as spreads of desserts and other sweets.

While Muslims around the world welcomed the start of Ramadan with traditional greetings and messages of peace, the start of the Muslim holy month in the Gaza Strip was marked by sounds of outgoing Palestinian rockets and incoming Israeli airstrikes.

Families often shop for food items in the days before Ramadan, but most shops and markets in Gaza were closed due to the heavy round of cross-border fighting.

"We got used to this situation, we don't care any-

more," said Rushdi Anbar, a 42-year-old architect, as he hurried through one of the few markets still open.

In 2014, the latest of three deadly wars between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers began in the second week of Ramadan and lasted for 50 days. Anwar Zeydieh, a mother of three, said she fears a similar scenario this Ramadan. "I don't think we are ready to endure all this suffering again." □



A cleric looks through binoculars to sight the new moon that signals the start of the Islamic holy fasting month of Ramadan, at the shrine of the Shiite Saint Imam Abdulazim in Shahr-e-Ray, south of Tehran, Iran, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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Israel steps up strikes as Gaza rocket attacks intensify

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
FARES AKRAM

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza militants fired hundreds of rockets into southern Israel on Sunday, killing at least four Israelis and bringing life to a standstill across the region in the bloodiest fighting since a 2014 war. As Israel pounded Gaza with airstrikes, the Palestinian death toll rose to 23, including two pregnant women and two babies. The bloodshed marked the first Israeli fatalities from rocket fire since the 2014 war. With Palestinian militants threatening to send rockets deeper into Israel and Israeli reinforcements massing near the Gaza frontier, the fighting showed no signs of slowing down.



Smoke rises from an explosion after an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spent most of the day huddled with his

Security Cabinet. Late Sunday, the Cabinet instructed the army to "continue its attacks and to stand by" for further orders. Israel also claimed to have killed a Hamas commander involved in transferring Iranian funds to the group. Israel and Hamas, an Islamic militant group that seeks Israel's destruction, have fought three wars since Hamas violently seized control of Gaza from Western-backed Palestinian forces in 2007. They have fought numerous smaller battles, most recently two rounds in March. While lulls in fighting used to last for months or even years, these flare-ups have grown increasingly frequent as a desperate Hamas, weakened by a crippling Egyptian-Israeli blockade imposed 12 years ago, seeks to put pressure on Israel to ease the closure. The blockade has ravaged Gaza's economy, and a year of Hamas-led protests along the Israeli frontier has yielded no tangible benefits. In March, Hamas faced

several days of street protests over the dire conditions. Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said in a statement late Sunday that the militant group was "not interested in a new war." He signaled readiness to "return to the state of calm" if Israel stopped its attacks "and immediately starts implementing understandings about a dignified life." With little to lose, Hamas appears to be trying to step up pressure on Netanyahu at a time when the Israeli leader is vulnerable on several fronts. Fresh off an election victory, Netanyahu is now engaged in negotiations with his hard-line political partners on forming a governing coalition. If fighting drags on, the normally cautious Netanyahu could be weakened in his negotiations as his partners push for a tougher response. Later this week, Israel marks Memorial Day, one of the most solemn days of the year, and its festive Independence Day. Next week, Israel is to host the Eurovision

song contest. Prolonged fighting could overshadow these important occasions and deter foreign tourists. The arrival of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which begins Monday, does not seem to be deterring Hamas. But the group is also taking a big risk if it pushes too hard. During the 50-day war in 2014, Israel killed over 2,200 Palestinians, over half of them civilians, according to U.N. tallies, and caused widespread damage to homes and infrastructure. While Hamas is eager to burnish its credentials as a resistance group, the Gazan public has little stomach for another devastating war.

"Hamas is the change seeker," said retired Brig. Gen. Assaf Orion, a former head of the Israeli military general staff's strategic division. "Hamas needs to make its calculus, balancing its hope for improvement against its fear of escalation."

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Israelis have "every right to defend themselves." He expressed hope that the recent cease-fire could be restored.

The U.N. Mideast envoy, Nickolay Mladenov, called for a halt in rocket fire and "a return to the understandings of the past few months before it is too late."

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini also called for a halt to "indiscriminate rocket attacks" from Gaza and expressed support for Egyptian and U.N. mediation efforts. Previous rounds of fighting have all ended in informal Egyptian-mediated truces in which Israel pledged to ease the blockade while militants promised to halt rocket fire. □

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Kim oversees missile firing drills, tells troops to be alert

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean state media on Sunday showed leader Kim Jong Un observing live-fire drills of long-range multiple rocket launchers and what appeared to be a new short-range ballistic missile, a day after South Korea expressed concern that the launches were a violation of an inter-Korean agreement to cease all hostile acts.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim expressed "great satisfaction" over Saturday's drills and stressed that his front-line troops should keep a "high alert posture" and enhance combat ability to "defend the political sovereignty and economic self-sustenance of the country."

The weapons launches were a likely sign of Pyongyang's growing frustration at stalled diplomatic talks with Washington meant to provide coveted sanctions relief in return for nuclear disarmament. They also highlighted the fragility of the detente between the Koreas, which in a military agreement reached last September vowed to completely cease "all hostile acts" against each other in land, air and sea.

South Korea said it's "very concerned" about North Korea's weapons launches, calling them a violation of the agreements to reduce animosities between the countries. The statement, issued after an emergency meeting Saturday of top officials at the presidential

Blue House in Seoul, also urged North Korea to stop committing acts that would raise military tensions and join efforts to resume nuclear diplomacy.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo stressed that Washington still wants to strike a deal with Kim to get the North Korea to denuclearize. He told Fox News Sunday and ABC's "This Week" that the weapons launched were short-range and not intercontinental ballistic missiles.

"They landed in the water east of North Korea and didn't present a threat to the United States or South Korea or Japan," he said on ABC.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff initially said on Saturday that the North launched a single missile from the site near the coastal town of Wonsan but later said in a statement that "several projectiles" had been fired.

In its updated assessment on Sunday, the JCS did not confirm whether the North fired a ballistic missile, but said a "new tactical guided weapon" was among the weapons tested by the North, which also included 240 millimeter- and 300 millimeter-caliber multiple rocket launchers. The JCS said the various projectiles flew from 70 to 240 kilometers (44 to 149 miles) before splashing into sea.

The North's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper published photos that showed Kim, equipped with binoculars, observing tests of different weapons systems, including multiple rocket



This Saturday, May 4, 2019, photo provided on Sunday, May 5, 2019, by the North Korean government shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, equipped with binoculars, observing tests of different weapons systems, in North Korea.

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launchers and what appeared to be a short-range missile fired from a launch vehicle, and also an explosion of what seemed to be a target set on island rocks. "Praising the People's Army for its excellent operation of modern large-caliber long-range multiple rocket launchers and tactical guided weapons, he said that all the service members are master gunners and they are capable of carrying out duty to promptly tackle any situation," the KNCA paraphrased Kim as saying.

"He stressed the need for all the service members to keep high alert posture and more dynamically wage the drive to increase the combat ability so as to defend the political sovereignty and economic self-

sustenance of the country and ... the security of the people from the threats and invasion by any forces," the report added.

The North Korean missile appeared to be modeled after Russia's 9K720 Iskander mobile short-range ballistic missile system, said Kim Dong-yub, an analyst from Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies. The solid-fuel North Korean missile was first revealed in a military parade in Pyongyang in February last year and is likely the unspecified tactical weapon the North said it tested last month, he said. The new missile would be potentially capable of delivering nuclear warheads and striking targets as far away as 500 kilometers (310 miles), which puts the entire Korean Peninsula within

reach, said Kim, who based his analysis on the capabilities of the Iskander and North Korea's current levels in missile technology.

The missile is also likely designed to be maneuvered during flight and warhead delivery, which would make it less likely to be intercepted by missile defense systems, he said.

"The North tried to clearly demonstrate its abilities to strike any target on the Korean Peninsula, including U.S. troops stationed across South Korea in areas such as Seoul, Pyeongtaek, Daegu and Busan," said Kim, a former South Korean military official. The distance between Wonsan, where the launch was held, and the South Korean capital of Seoul is roughly 200 kilometers (124 miles). □

Mexican villagers beseech volcano goddess for rain, safety

By MARCELO VIANO
AMY GUTHRIE

Associated Press

SANTIAGO XALITZINTLA, Mexico (AP) — The inhabit-

ants of Santiago Xalitintla rise well before dawn to prepare their offerings to The Sleeping Woman, as they affectionately call the dormant Iztaccihuatl volcano that hovers above their town in central Mexico.

There are potatoes to fry for the feast, and heaping bunches of red carnations to lug up to the stone altar 3,800 meters (12,470 feet) above sea level. Hundreds of villagers—including infants, preschool-aged children and the elderly—make the biannual three-hour trek through steep pine forest and past babbling brooks to ask for the volcano's aid and protection. They beseech her to bring rain for their crops, shield their harvests from hail and calm the ashy ex-



In this Friday, May 3, 2019 photo, a resident blows on a conch shell to honor Tonantzin, the Aztec mother earth goddess that's often celebrated alongside the Virgin Mary, during the Day of the Cross celebrations near Santiago Xalitintla, Mexico.

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halations of her neighbor, the unnervingly active Popocatepetl volcano.

Veronica Agustin says the community has gotten used to living with Don Goyo, a

nickname for Popocatepetl. When Don Goyo gets angry, the ground vibrates, doors and windows shake -- she compares the sound to that of beans cooking

in boiling water. "The scare passes," says Agustin. Santiago Xalitintla has the distinction of being the community closest to Popocatepetl, whose cra-

ter has increasingly been belching lava and spewing ash that sometimes reaches Mexico City, 90 kilometers (55 miles) to the northwest. The community is now on evacuation alert, with alarms sounding to tell residents when they should escape to the nearby city of Cholula.

The hike to pay homage to The Sleeping Woman—the volcano's silhouette resembles a reclining female—is a tradition that goes back generations. The residents of Santiago Xalitintla celebrate over two days in early May, shooting fireworks into the sky above their town, drinking copious amounts of tequila and cooking communal meals over open fires. Twice a year, they embark on a similar climb up Popocatepetl.

Underneath a small waterfall on the slopes of Iztaccihuatl, the offerings are laid out on an altar. □

Cause of Venezuelan chopper crash is under investigation

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan authorities are investigating the cause of a helicopter crash that killed seven military officers while they were while heading to a state where President Nicolás Maduro was visiting troops.

The crash of the Cougar helicopter on the southeastern outskirts of Caracas on Saturday followed days of upheaval during which opposition leader Juan Guaidó called in vain for a military uprising to overthrow Maduro, and five people were killed in clashes between protesters and police.

The armed forces said the chopper was heading to San Carlos in Cojedes state, near a military base where Maduro addressed cadets on Saturday. The statement didn't say if the aircraft was part of the presidential delegation.

In late April, a Venezuelan National Guard general and a pilot died in a police helicopter crash in the city of Maracaibo. Two other



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, right, and Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza shake hands after their joint news conference following the talks in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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people were injured. Meanwhile the Venezuelan opposition planned a memorial service Sunday for those killed in street fighting over the past week.

Also Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

said ABC's "This Week" program that he planned to meet Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov soon to discuss U.S. concerns that Russian support for Maduro is fueling the political and humanitarian crisis in Ven-

ezuela. Russia, in turn, has accused the United States of aggressively interfering in Venezuela's internal affairs. U.S. officials are working to provide President Donald Trump with "a full-scale set of options; diplomatic op-

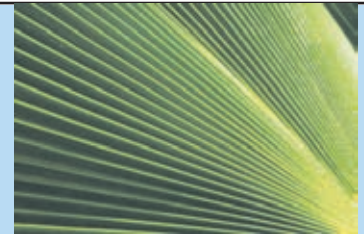
tions, political options, options with our allies, and then ultimately, a set of options that would involve use of U.S. military," Pompeo said. "We're preparing those for him so that when the situation arises, we're not flatfooted."

Lavrov met Venezuela's foreign minister, Jorge Arreaza, in Moscow on Sunday and said afterward that he hoped U.S. talk of a military option does "not reflect the intentions" of Trump.

"We call on both the Americans and those who support them to drop irresponsible plans and act exclusively within the frames of international law," the Russian foreign minister said.

The U.S. and over 50 other nations recognize Guaidó as Venezuela's rightful leader, saying Maduro's re-election last year was rigged. Washington has imposed economic sanctions on Venezuela's oil industry and individuals linked to Maduro, who alleges he is the target of a U.S.-engineered coup plot in which Guaidó is a key collaborator. □

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Marny studied fashion design and that is visible in the store. Her collection reflects excellent taste and translates itself into hip brands like Uno de 50 from Spain which is a rebel in silver world. Big chunky jewelry that is out-of-the-box, edgy, all hand-crafted and silver-plated with a thick layer to remain affordable. "Initially they made only 50 pieces of one style but the brand became such a big hit that they expanded. These are statement pieces, showing character and confidence. They rock on a simple dress, you do not need anything else." Buddha to Buddha from Amsterdam is another attraction, so bring your piece from Europe back home. The brand Rebecca from Italy carries a delicate line and is very elegant. Right now they have great necklaces with in big the initial of your name, following the current trend. "Initials, words, quotes and signs are hip right now. Therefore we have Key Moments, stackable bracelets you can wear with anything that carry a hashtag and word like #Beautiful, #Strong or #Love. It empowers people." Another trend according to Marny is combining bracelets and necklaces. "Multi rings creating your own look and the same with bracelets and necklaces is hot right now. Rebecca is perfect for this as the delicate line is cute to layer and combine with non-brands. Fit it to your clothes and play with it." A regional line Rage Silver offers is Beck Jewels from Curacao, featuring handmade jewelry with Swarovski stones and fresh water pearls, filled with gold. "Absolutely a success, with this jewelry you make the difference."



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The Story

The start of the store is actually a love story. "On a business trip for my job at that time I spent a few hours at Puerto Rico where I bought this silver bracelet for my now husband. It had little koko pellies on it and it was the perfect gift for him as he was a kite surfer/beach boy type. His friends were so enthusiastic about it that he told me: "Why don't we start a silver shop." With a little budget I started off selling rings of Mexican silver from the house and slowly expanded. Eventually we opened our first store together at Oranjestad. Today we got as far as two stores, one at Renaissance Marketplace and one at Palm Beach Plaza. We have a loyal local clientele as well as repeated visitors buying their favorite jewelry here.

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Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: “It feels like having dinner at home in Peru”



EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in ‘her home’ as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. “Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic.” Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

“Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?” That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. “My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic.” To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. “We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef.”

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be

best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. “Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table.” Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. “A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that’s why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on.” I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne’s place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asiesmiperu](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperu).





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SEOUL — For the first time an Aruban artist launched an art exposition in Seoul, South-Korea. Nelson González opened his art project "South-Korea: Unification of States" last Saturday at the Youngeun Museum of Contemporary Art in Seoul. This exposition is to be seen from 4 to 19 May.

The exposition forms part of the artists' project 'Between Two Waters' where he uses the concept of integration as art, and art as integration. He integrates the process of immigration and naturalization within the Dutch Kingdom in his art and he travelled around three different continents to achieve the required knowledge of the different rituals and customs that come with this process. Eventually he used this knowledge to integrate into his piece of art.

The artist started his art project November 2018, visiting Caracas, Willemstad, Miami and Santo Domingo. In each country he used the mythology of integration to create art, always with Aruba linked in. He exposed his art at several expositions, now at Seoul and the closure will take part in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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Traditional House



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Local cuisine: Cabelo cu Hígado (Head and liver)



There are some local dishes that are very unique and this dish is one of them. Goat and fish are authentic local dishes and mostly served with Pan Bati (Local pan cake but it's salty). The "Cabelo cu Hígado" is a stewed dish done with the goat's liver, the meat found in the area of the goat's head and the goat brain is also added some times. It's a slow cooked dish that can take around 4 hours to prepare but it's a very delicious local dish. Also the goat's brain is used as a breakfast delicatessen in scramble egg.

Wahoo Fish eggs is a local dish.



I remember as a kid we always ate fresh fish and my mother used to buy fish from Nachi the fisherman as we called him. It's very special when you buy Wahoo fish and get the eggs in it and we used to argue a lot to eat the fish eggs and I still wondering why the fish eggs were so special. Till today I don't know but I love Wahoo fish eggs and want to show you how we locals present it as a very special dish. To find fresh fish eggs you must have a very good connection with a fisherman to get them otherwise no.

Vacation fun shots



There are some vacation photos that will get better after years. This photo in 25 years will have a tremendous impact when showing at one of the boys wedding and after 50 years this photo will have an uncalculated value for this family. So if you're having an amazing vacation with your family, do not leave our island without taken some fun shots with the family. Do it before the kids reach their teens, you know what I mean. This is a fun shot I took during a family beach photo shoot two weeks ago.

SPORTS



Jimmie Johnson waves during driver introductions at a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday, May 5, 2019, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

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NASCAR Cup Series race at Dover postponed to Monday

By DAN GELSTON

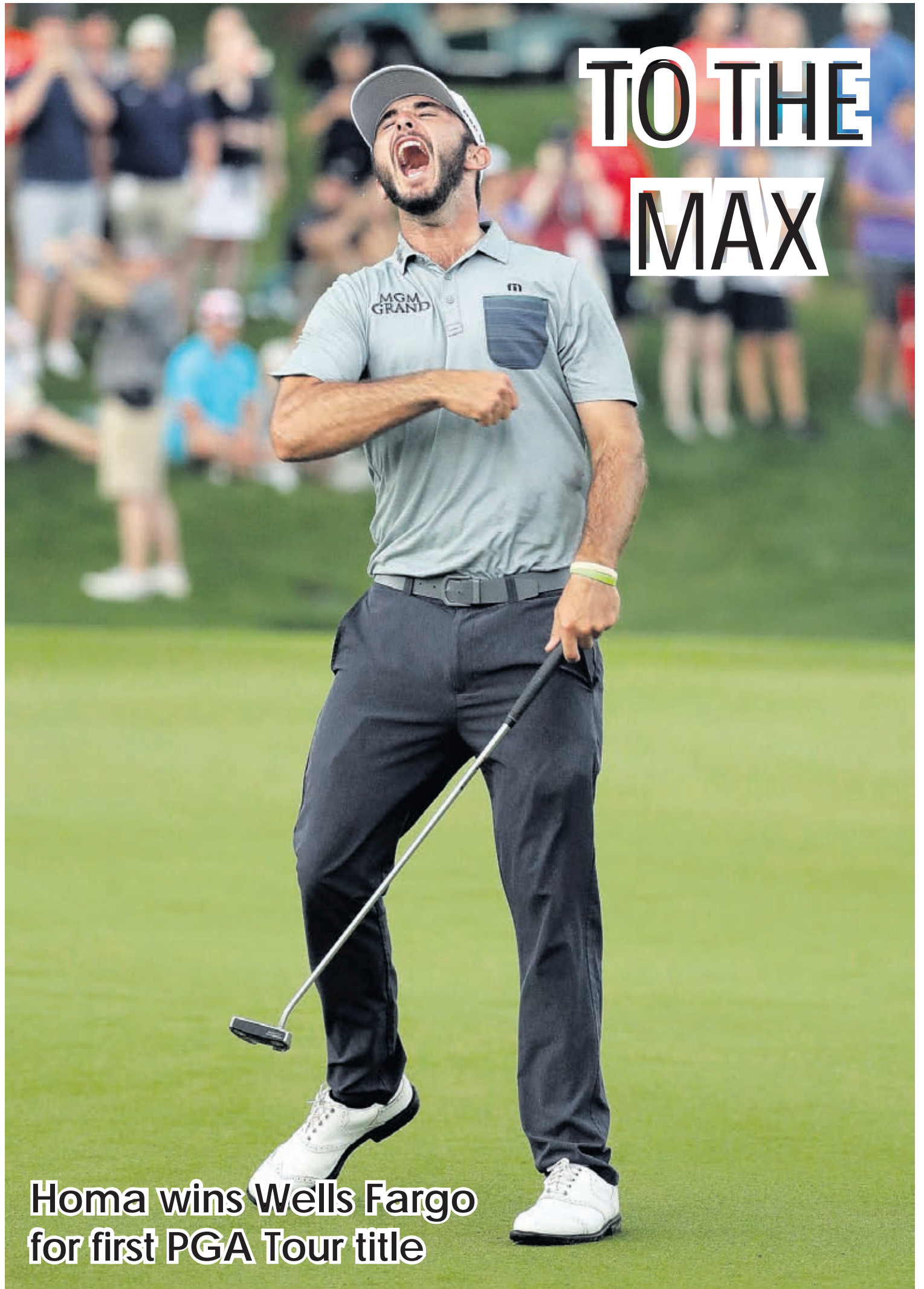
DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson posed for a photo with Hall of Famers Bobby Allison and Richard Petty from an appearance this weekend and wrote the caption "367 and counting."

His combined win total has been stuck on that number since June 4, 2017, when Johnson won the last of his 83 NASCAR Cup races. Mired in the worst slump of his career, the seven-time NASCAR champion was back at his favorite track on Sunday, his 11 wins at Dover International Speedway a record.

He has to wait another day to go for No. 12 and end his slump.

NASCAR will race at noon Monday after rain fell on the mile concrete track all day and the only action came from a Charlie Daniels Band concert.

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TO THE MAX

Homa wins Wells Fargo for first PGA Tour title

Max Homa celebrates after winning the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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Leonard scores 39, Raptors beat 76ers 101-96 to tie series

By ROB MAADDI
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kawhi Leonard got some help from his teammates to stay close and then finished it off himself.

Leonard scored 39 points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 1:01 left, and the Toronto Raptors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 101-96 on Sunday to even the Eastern Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

"Just really growing up learning from great players, I was fortunate enough to be on some good teams early," Leonard said, "so I was able to see defenses and go on deep playoff runs and I feel that helped me out today."

Marc Gasol scored 16, Kyle Lowry had 14 and the Raptors rebounded after consecutive losses to reclaim home-court advantage.

"We needed some punch around the roster," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "It was a different mentality. Guys were looking to shoot, taking the first shot that was there."

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Toronto.

Jimmy Butler scored 29 and JJ Redick had 19 for Philadelphia. The 76ers are trying to reach the conference finals for the first time since Allen Iverson led them to the NBA Finals in 2001.

Toronto, which earned the No. 2 seed after winning 58 games, has been bounced out in the semis two straight seasons.

Joel Embiid struggled after scoring 33 points in Philadelphia's 21-point victory in Game 3. The All-Star cen-

ter played through an illness and only had 11. Sixers coach Brett Brown said Embiid texted him early in the morning saying he wasn't sure if he could play.

"To his credit, he willed his way through it," Brown said. Butler banked in a 3-pointer from the top of the circle as the shot clock expired after briefly losing the ball to give the Sixers an 84-81 lead in the fourth. But Gasol answered with a 3 to tie it and the Raptors went up 89-85 on Leonard's jumper. Butler and Leonard traded a pair of free throws before Redick hit a 3 to cut it to 91-90 with 2:07 left.

Following a turnover, Embiid missed a layup. Leonard then nailed a step-back 3 to put Toronto up 94-90. Danny Green made four free throws in the final minute to ice it.

Brown called Leonard's 3-pointer a "backbreaker" and compared his ability to create his own shot to Kobe Bryant. The 3 came right before the shot clock expired and Leonard had Embiid in his face.

"I came off a pick-and-roll. They were switching. Embiid is a good defender, long, and I just wanted to get it to the back of the rim," Leonard said.

Playing before a raucous crowd, the Sixers failed to take control of the series and now must win at least one more game on the road to advance.

"We got humbled," Butler said.

Serge Ibaka made the defensive play of the game in the second quarter, racing back down the floor

to reject Tobias Harris during Philadelphia's 3-on-1 fast break. But the Raptors missed a shot on the opposite end and Embiid answered with an emphatic dunk. Later in the quarter, Embiid blocked Ibaka and found Ben Simmons for a dunk. Embiid blocked Ibaka again 35 seconds later and Butler hit an 11-footer. Butler's 3-pointer with a second left in the second quarter got the Sixers within 47-45 at halftime.

Leonard scored six points during a 13-0 run in the first quarter to help the Raptors take a 22-11 lead. But the Sixers outscored Toronto 10-2 to cut the deficit to 24-21 after one. □



Philadelphia 76ers' Jimmy Butler, left, goes up to shoot against Toronto Raptors' Kawhi Leonard, right, during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Philadelphia.

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Homa comes full circle and wins Wells Fargo Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON

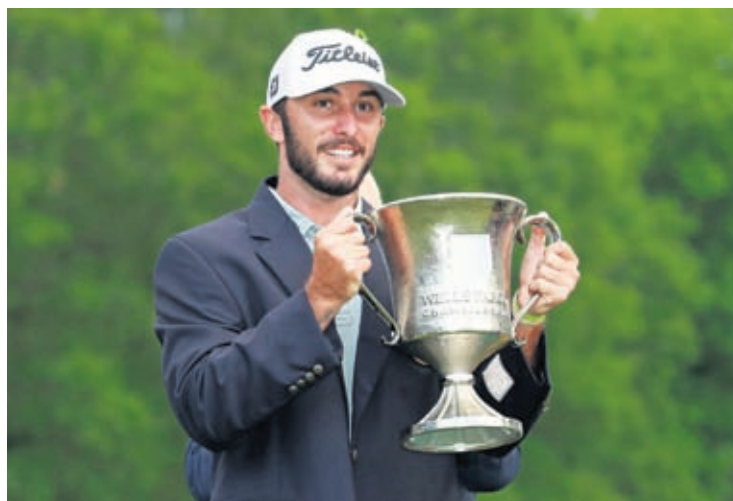
AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Two years after Max Homa played only one Sunday in an entire PGA Tour season, he showed his mettle at Quail Hollow by closing with a 4-under 67 to pull away from the field and win the Wells Fargo Championship. Homa began the back nine with two birdies to build a four-shot lead and didn't make any mistakes until it only affected the final margin.

Joel Dahmen saved par with a tough chip over the creek for a 70 and finished three shots behind.

Homa, who won the NCAA title at Cal in 2013, won for the first time in his 68th start as a pro. The victory gets him into the PGA Cham-



Max Homa poses with the trophy after winning the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Associated Press

pionship in two weeks at Bethpage Black and the Masters next April.

But what a turnaround for the 28-year-old Californian. Homa was at No. 829 in the

world when he got his third crack at the PGA Tour in October. Two seasons ago, he made only two cuts in 17 tournaments, missing the 54-hole cut in one of

them and finishing last at an opposite-field event in the other.

But he made six of seven cuts coming into Quail Hollow, and played like he belonged.

"Confidence takes a lot of anxiety away," he said Saturday night as he prepared to play in the final group for the first time.

Homa never flinched, effectively sealing it with a long shot up the hill and onto the green at the par-5 15th for a two-putt birdie, saving par to keep a three-shot lead going to the final hole and drilling his tee shot down the fairway. He wrapped it up with a 10-foot par putt to finish at 15-under 269.

"Over the moon, man," he said before going to sign his

card. "It means a lot to do it under pressure, and job security is great. I haven't had that."

The victory was worth \$1,422,000 — about \$454,000 more than he had made in his previous 67 starts — and gives him a two-year exemption, along with a tee time at Bethpage Black in two weeks. The only other major Homa played was the 2013 U.S. Open at Merion, a month after his NCAA title.

Dahmen held his own until costly bogeys around the turn. But that chip was on the 18th for par to finish alone in second meant a difference of \$158,000.

"I didn't beat myself today, which was kind of the goal," Dahmen said. "Max is playing awesome. He's a good friend. I think we're going to celebrate tonight."

Justin Rose (68) finished alone in third and moved ahead of Brooks Koepka to No. 2 in the world.

Rory McIlroy was primed to join Tom Weiskopf as the only three-time winners at Quail Hollow, starting the final round two shots behind. He never got anything going until it went the wrong way. He turned a 20-foot eagle attempt into a three-putt par on the par-5 seventh, failed to get up-and-down on the reachable eighth for a birdie, and then went bogey-double bogey around the turn to take himself out of the mix. No one else was much of a threat either, just two guys who had never come remotely close to winning on the PGA Tour.

Former PGA champion Jason Dufner, part of the three-way tie for the lead to start the final round, made consecutive bogeys early and had no bearing on the final round. A double bogey on the 18th gave him a 73 and dropped him into a tie for fourth.

Rose pulled within two shots with a birdie on the par-5 10th, only to settle into a series of pars. By the time Sergio Garcia reached double digits under par, Homa was well on his way.

Homa and Dahmen were at 13 under until Dahmen

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Maximum Security's Preakness status unclear after Derby DQ

By GARY B. GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The next stop in the chase for the Triple Crown is the Preakness, though both Maximum Security and Country House remain non-committal for the May 18 race following Maximum Security's disqualification from the Kentucky Derby. Owner Gary West said Sunday he is unsure whether to enter Maximum Security in the Preakness as he ponders appealing the historic decision. West also said he realizes the appeals process could extend well beyond the upcoming race at Pimlico in Baltimore. And with Kentucky racing stewards' ruling that Maximum Security interfered with other horses that led to his disqualification, there might not be a point to racing the colt in the Triple Crown series' middle jewel.

"When you're not going for the Triple Crown, sometimes it doesn't make sense to wheel the horse back in two weeks," West said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

"If there's going to be an appeal it will almost certainly be before the Preakness, but appeals historically take some time to sort out. Win, lose or draw, we're not going to know the outcome of that until probably months, if not years, down the road."

Maximum Security was first to finish Saturday's muddy Derby before becoming the marquee race's first winner to be disqualified for interference. Stewards elevated runner-up Country House, a 65-1 long shot, to the winner's circle after determining that Maximum Security impeded his path and two others' exiting the final turn. Maximum Security

was ultimately placed 17th of 19 horses after starting as the 9-2 second betting choice, ending his four-race winning streak. Stewards cited a section of the rule that calls for disqualification if "a leading horse or any other horse in a race swerves or is ridden to either side so as to interfere with, intimidate, or impede any other horse or jockey."

Chief steward Barbara Borden said in a news conference that she and two other stewards interviewed riders and studied video replays of the incident during a 22-minute review after the finish. The stewards did not take questions from reporters.

West said the earliest he could see the stewards' video evidence would be Thursday, which could determine if he files an appeal in a process he was still trying to understand.

"We wanted to have the stewards explain to us what they saw and show us on their video the pictures of exactly what they saw, and they refused to allow us to do that," he said.

"That was really pretty bush league, because there is no rule that they can't show the film to the owner and trainer that got disqualified for the first time in the history of the Kentucky Derby other than they aren't working today, or Monday, or Tuesday or Wednesday." The only other disqualification in the Derby occurred long after the race in 1968. First-place finisher Daner's Image tested positive for a prohibited medication, and Kentucky state racing officials ordered the purse money to be redistributed. Forward Pass got the winner's share. A subsequent court challenge upheld the stewards' decision.



Luis Saez riding Maximum Security, second from right, goes around turn four with Flavien Prat riding Country House, left, Tyler Gaffalione riding War of Will and John Velazquez riding Code of Honor, right, during the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs Saturday, May 4, 2019, in Louisville, Ky.

Associated Press

President Donald Trump blasted Maximum Security's disqualification, blaming the Derby outcome on "political correctness."

"The Kentucky Derby decision was not a good one," Trump tweeted Sunday. "It was a rough and tumble race on a wet and sloppy track, actually, a beautiful thing to watch."

"Only in these days of political correctness could such an overturn occur. The best horse did NOT win the Kentucky Derby — not even close!"

The Derby finish will be debated for some time, and that's not good for the beleaguered sport.

The lead-up to Triple Crown season and the week at Churchill Downs was not what horse racing officials had hoped for. And now, the focus during the run-up

to the Preakness will be on what's happening off the track.

A scary spill for a filly and jockey opened Friday's Kentucky Oaks for fillies, and winner Serengeti Empress won her first start since pulling up in her previous race because of external bleeding. That followed medication and safety reforms by the industry after the deaths of 23 horses over three months at Santa Anita.

Now racing moves to the Preakness and Pimlico, where nearly 6,700 seats at the dilapidated track have been deemed unsafe and will be unavailable. The Canada-based Stronach Group that owns Pimlico and Santa Anita has also clashed with Baltimore officials over concerns that ownership may move the

Preakness to Laurel Race Course.

And the best story on the track may not materialize: a Maximum Security-Country House rematch.

Country House trainer Bill Mott said the colt was in good shape after the Derby but remained noncommittal about the 1 1/8-mile Preakness, which is shorter than the Derby. It would mark his fourth race in eight weeks if he runs.

"It may compromise his chances a bit and it's not a normal situation to run so often," Mott said. "But the Triple Crown is not a normal situation."

West also declared Maximum Security fine but will monitor him the next few days.

"The revenge motive doesn't even enter into my mind," West said. □



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Austria's Dominic Thiem during their semifinal match at the Barcelona Open Tennis Tournament in Barcelona, Spain, Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Thiem says Nadal favorite at Madrid despite poor run

By **TALES AZZONI**
AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — Rafael Nadal hadn't started the clay-court season with so many setbacks in four years.

Not since 2015 had Nadal arrived at the Madrid Open without having won a title either in Monte Carlo or Barcelona, the tournaments that mark the start of the clay swing in Europe. That year, Nadal was coming off a series of injuries and ended up not reaching the final of either tournament. He also didn't win the title in Madrid, Rome and the French Open, dropping out of the top five in the rankings for the first time in a decade.

After a disappointing start to this year, where he is 17-4 overall and without a title, the second-ranked Nadal remains upbeat despite straight-sets defeats in the semifinals at both Monte Carlo and Barcelona — tournaments he has won a record 11 times.

He lost to Italian Fabio Fognini in the semifinals at Monte Carlo, and was almost routed 6-0 in the second set when trailing to Fognini by 5-0 and 40-0.

Then he was beaten by hard-hitting Austrian Domi-

nic Thiem in the Barcelona semifinals.

Still, the 32-year-old Spaniard saw signs of encouragement at finding his rhythm again.

"I really believe that I made very good improvements to create a good base to try to achieve my goals," he said after losing to Thiem.

Nadal will be trying to win his third straight French Open title — and record-extending 12th overall — at the May 26-June 9 French Open.

Thiem, the runner-up in Madrid to Nadal in 2017 and Alexander Zverev last year, says Nadal is the favorite at any clay-court tournament.

"As long as Rafa is playing, he will always be the No. 1 favorite," Thiem said on Sunday. "He's by far the best player ever on this surface."

Nadal has won a clay-court title in each of the last 15 seasons. The 17-time Grand Slam winner is an eight-time finalist in Madrid, with the last of his five titles coming in 2017.

He was defeated by Thiem in straight sets in the quarterfinals last year — one of Thiem's four career victories against him on clay.

Nadal will start this year's

campaign against 18-year-old Felix Auger-Aliassime after he beat fellow Canadian Denis Shapovalov 6-2, 7-6 in the first round. Auger-Aliassime is one of the standouts on tour this season, having reached the final in Rio and the semifinals in Miami.

The other half of the Madrid draw has top-seeded Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer, who will be making his return to clay-court tournaments after two seasons.

The 37-year-old Federer, a three-time champion in Madrid, is preparing to make his first French Open appearance since 2015.

"I have not high expectations in some ways, but at the same time I also know that things are possible," Federer said Sunday. "I'm happy also that the decision I took last, I guess around December, when I started feeling like I definitely want to do the clay, that it was the right decision." Zverev did not drop his serve en route to winning here last year, but the imposing German is out of form. He has won only eight matches all year and has not won a tournament, losing his only final to Nick Kyrgios in Acapulco. □



Japan's Naomi Osaka returns the ball during her match against Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova during the Madrid Open tennis tournament, Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Madrid, Spain.

Osaka wins Madrid opener, Muguruza loses in 1st round

MADRID (AP) — Naomi Osaka and other top-seeded players won their opening matches at the Madrid Open, while Caroline Wozniacki withdrew due to injury and Garbine Muguruza was upset on Sunday. Top-ranked Osaka, the reigning U.S. Open and Australian Open champion, hit 43 winners, including eight aces, on the outdoor red clay to beat 2016 finalist Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 7-6 (6).

"For me, I'm just happy to get through it," Osaka said. "I feel the most nervous during the first round and to play against Cibulkova was kind of tough for me, especially on clay."

Osaka will face Sara Sorribes in the second round after she got past fellow Spanish wild card Lara Arrabarrena.

A lower back injury forced Wozniacki to retire from her match with Alizé Cornet when she was losing 0-3 in the first set.

Petra Martić of Croatia ousted two-time grand slam winner Muguruza 7-5, 7-6 (2), a week after the Croat won her first career

title in Istanbul.

Martić will next face fourth-seeded Angelique Kerber, who broke Lesia Tsurenko six times to earn a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Third-seeded Simona Halep, who has won twice in Madrid, brushed off Russian qualifier Margarita Gasparyan 6-0, 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Karolina Pliskova had to fight back from a set down to fend off 18-year-old Ukrainian Dayana Yastremska 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Sloane Stephens and Victoria Azarenka also advanced, while Madison Keys lost to Sorana Cirstea in three sets.

NADAL NEXT

On the men's side, Rafael Nadal knows who his first opponent will be after Felix Auger-Aliassime beat fellow Canadian Denis Shapovalov, a semifinalist last year, 6-2, 7-6 (7).

The 18-year-old Auger-Aliassime has reached the final in Rio and the semifinals in Miami already this year. Jan-Lennard Struff beat Nick Kyrgios 7-6 (4), 6-4 in a match that saw a combined 21 aces. □



Canelo Alvarez beats Jacobs in middleweight title fight

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Daniel Jacobs was bigger. Canelo Alvarez was better — but not by much.

Alvarez added another title belt to his collection Saturday night by winning rounds early and outboxing Jacobs in their middleweight showdown to take a close but unanimous 12-round decision.

Two ringside judges scored it 115-113, while the third had it 116-112. The Associated Press scored it 115-113 in favor of Alvarez.

"It was just what we thought," Alvarez said. "We knew it would be a difficult fight. We just did our job." Jacobs, who lost \$1 million out of his purse by not making the contracted weight the morning of the fight, was clearly bigger than Alvarez and landed perhaps the biggest punch of the fight in the ninth round when he connected with a left hook.

But Alvarez was fast and quick and kept Jacobs off balance with his movement as he won a narrow decision in the same arena where he fought to a draw and a close win over Genady Golovkin.

"He's a pot shotter," Jacobs

said. "I felt I did enough to get the victory."

The judges didn't, though, largely because Alvarez was more active early and was the more aggressive of the two fighters. Alvarez built a lead early, winning the first five rounds on one scorecard and four of the five on the other two.

But Jacobs seemed to find himself midway through the fight and roared back to make it competitive on the scorecards. He won the 12th round on two of the three scorecards.

Alvarez, a 5-1 favorite at fight time, was tested but did enough to win in a fight that had no knockdowns and no serious fouls. Neither fighter ever appeared badly hurt, though Jacobs landed some of the bigger punches in the late rounds. That included the left hook in the ninth that seemed to shake Alvarez, if only for a moment.

"It was a hard shot but I went to the corner and they asked me and I said it was no big deal," Alvarez said. "I continued with the fight. What do you want?" Alvarez, the red-headed Mexican sensation, earned \$35 million for risking his titles against Jacobs, a Brooklyn fighter who held a piece



Canelo Alvarez, left, of Mexico, fights Daniel Jacobs in a middleweight title boxing match Saturday, May 4, 2019, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

of the middleweight crown himself. He got another \$1 million from the purse of Jacobs after Jacobs weighed in too heavy the day of the fight.

Jacobs had weighed in at the class limit of 160 pounds at the official weigh-in on Friday. But the two boxers had agreed in their contract not to weigh more than 170 pounds Saturday morning and Jacobs weighed 173.6.

Alvarez was aggressive

from the opening bell, throwing punches with intent while Jacobs was content to try and fight from the outside while backing up most of the time. Neither fighter landed any sustained flurries, but Alvarez had more snap to his punches and landed them with more consistency.

By the middle rounds, Jacobs was switching from conventional to southpaw and back again, trying to find a rhythm. But Alva-

rez kept moving his head and making Jacobs miss, and often found him with a counter. The two traded punches on several occasions, and Jacobs landed his biggest punch with a left hook in the ninth round that got the attention of Alvarez. Alvarez (52-1-2) had lost only once in his career, dropping a decision five years ago to Floyd Mayweather Jr. in a fight he acknowledged later he was not ready for. □

NASCAR

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If the devil went down to Delaware, he would have needed a poncho. NASCAR tried to start the race but pulled the cars from the track after a handful of pace laps once the rain came again.

The 43-year-old Johnson, who recently ran the Boston Marathon, flashed some speed at Dover when he topped the final practice Saturday with a fast lap of 161.863 mph in the No. 48 Chevrolet.

"This is just one of those places that an athlete finds a bond with a facility or a venue," Johnson said. "I don't care if I have three wheels left on this thing, I feel like I still have a shot to win. I just love this place."

With Dover celebrating its 50th anniversary season, the race winners will re-

ceive a 60-pound Miles the Monster trophy converted from its customary concrete-like finish to metallic gold.

Johnson has 11 of the standard-issue trophies: The Hendrick Motorsports driver swept Dover in 2002 and 2009 and won races in 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017. He joined Richard Petty (Martinsville-15, North Wilkesboro-15, Richmond-13, Rockingham-11) and Darrell Waltrip (Bristol-12, Martinsville-11) as drivers who won 11 races at a single track. His 83rd career victory tied him with Cale Yarborough for sixth on the career victory list. Waltrip and Allison are next at 84.

"I'm very biased about this race track. I think it's the best one out there," Johnson said. "I think all drivers can appreciate just the

challenge that comes with this track, the banking, the speed, the transitions from the straightaways through the corners. I noticed on social media before we got here that drivers and crew members and crew chiefs were all talking about how much they love coming here."

He starts 12th and tries to help Hendrick have another stout race day. Chase Elliott got his first win of the season, the first for Chevrolet and the first for Hendrick Motorsports last week at Talladega. Elliott and teammate William Byron make it a 1-2 front row for Hendrick at Dover. The 23-year-old Elliott became the youngest pole winner at Dover when he set a track record of 165.960 mph in qualifying.

Dover hasn't held a Monday race since 2007 when



Teams push their cars down pit road after a NASCAR Cup Series auto race was postponed due to inclement weather conditions Sunday, May 5, 2019, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

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Martin Truex Jr. earned his first Cup victory. He has added 19 more wins and the 2017 NASCAR Cup championship over that span.

"One of my favorites to come to, for sure," Truex said. "It's called the Monster

for a reason. It's mean and it's fast and it's big. It's kind of crazy."

He wants a second Monday win at Dover. Johnson aims for No. 12 here. All the team needs at a chance to reach its milestones is a dry concrete track. □

Insider Q&A: Business Roundtable executive on data privacy

By MARCY GORDON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Denise Zheng is vice president at the Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs of major U.S. companies, where she oversees the technology and internet innovation committee. Her previous background includes work as a technical adviser for the Plan X cyber warfare program at the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, known as DARPA. The Q&A has been edited for clarity and length.



Q: Congress seems to be getting serious now about national legislation to protect the privacy of consumers' data. The Roundtable put forward its framework for legislation in December. What's the gist of it?

A: Last summer we heard from many of our member companies that privacy is increasingly a major concern from the standpoint of wanting to build and maintain trust with their consumers. There's also the increasingly complex regulatory landscape on privacy at the state level across the

U.S. and also internationally, with the European Union's privacy regime and similar regulations in places like Brazil, China and India. That's why our team put together a working group of chief privacy officers to develop a proposal for legislation that would establish one consistent, federal privacy standard in the United States that would ideally be interoperable with international regimes as well. What we're advocating for is to provide consumers with a guaranteed set of

individual rights over their personal data. And that includes transparency that would require companies to very clearly disclose to consumers how their data is collected, how it's used, how it's shared; to provide consumers with the right of control over their data, including the right to opt out of the sale of their data to third parties; and the ability to access and correct their information as well as to delete it. Those are very critical individual rights. We also have what we call

good governance practices that we're promoting through this proposal. Practices such as privacy by design, where companies are actually embedding privacy mechanisms into their products and services from the ground up.

Q: How has the proposal been received by lawmakers?

A: I think a lot of folks in Congress are happy to see the Business Roundtable take privacy seriously. Rarely do we ever go around advocating for additional regu-

lation. And that's because we think maintaining and improving consumer trust is important to our companies. And the reception has been very positive to our proposal. It's also worth pointing out that the Roundtable represents basically all the major industry sectors, including technology, and so often a lot of these debates about tech-related legislation break down because you don't have uniformity across the industry sectors. So a lot of the lawmakers and their staff that we talk to are impressed that so many different industries have come to the table and aligned around one proposal.

Q: How do you view the prospects for legislation to emerge?

A: We're hopeful. We think this is one of the first times that you see all of the industry and consumer groups and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle saying we need to get something done here. Of course the devil's always in the details. So this isn't going to be easy, but I think we're very optimistic. □



President Donald Trump speaks during a National Day of Prayer event in the Rose Garden of the White House, Thursday, May 2, 2019, in Washington.

STERLING, Va. (AP) — President Donald Trump criticized social media companies after Facebook banned a number of extremist figures, declaring that he was "monitoring and watching, closely!!" Trump, who tweeted and re-tweeted complaints Friday and Saturday, said he would "monitor the censorship of AMERICAN CITIZENS on social media platforms." He has previously asserted

that social media companies exhibit bias against conservatives, something the companies have rejected as untrue. The president's comments came after Facebook this week banned Louis Farrakhan, Alex Jones and other extremists, saying they violated its ban on "dangerous individuals." The company also removed right-wing personalities Paul Nehlen, Milo Yiannopoulos, Paul

Trump attacks social media companies after Facebook bans

Joseph Watson and Laura Loomer, along with Jones' site, Infowars, which often posts conspiracy theories. The latest bans apply both to Facebook's main service and to Instagram and extend to fan pages and other related accounts. Facebook's move signaled renewed effort by the social media giant to remove people and groups promoting objectionable material such as hate, racism and anti-Semitism. The company said it has "always banned" people or groups that proclaim a violent or hateful mission or are engaged in acts of hate or violence, regardless of political ideology. On Twitter, Trump cited a number of individuals he said were being unfairly treated by social me-

dia companies, including Watson and actor James Woods. He insisted it was "getting worse and worse for Conservatives on social media!" Woods, one of Hollywood's most outspoken conservatives, has had his Twitter account locked. Twitter spokeswoman Katie Rosborough said Woods will need to delete a tweet that violated Twitter rules before he can be reinstated. Trump tweeted: "How can it be possible that James Woods (and many others), a strong but responsible Conservative Voice, is banned from Twitter? Social Media & Fake News Media, together with their partner, the Democrat Party, have no idea the problems they are causing for themselves. VERY UNFAIR!"

Rosborough said Twitter enforces its rules "impartially for all users, regardless of their background or political affiliation." Trump, who uses Twitter extensively to push his message, recently met with Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey at the White House after attacking the company and complaining that it was not treating him well because he was a Republican. He later described it as a "great meeting." The president had more than social media on his mind Saturday. Trump also tweeted that he was holding out hopes for a deal with North Korea on its nuclear program, as well as improved relations with Russia, now that he feels the special counsel investigation is behind him. □

Many college grads feel their grip on middle class loosening

By JOSH BOAK
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A college degree has long been a ticket to the U.S. middle class.

It typically confers higher pay, stronger job security, greater home ownership and comparatively stable households. Those benefits have long been seen as worth the sacrifices often required, from deferred income to student debt.

Yet college graduates aren't as likely as they once were to feel they belong to the middle class, according to a collaborative analysis of the 2018 General Social Survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and GSS staff. The survey found that 35% of graduates described themselves as working or lower class, up from just 20% who felt that way in 1983. By contrast, only 64% of college grads say they feel they belong to the middle or upper class.

The findings might seem surprising given that the nearly decade-long U.S. economic expansion is on the verge of becoming the longest on record and unemployment is an ultra-low 3.8 percent. Yet the financial insecurities that afflict many college graduates point to the widening gap between the richest Americans and everyone else. Dan Black, an economist at the University of Chicago, suggested that the consequences of the trend could include delayed family formation, lower levels of consumer spending and, eventually, slower economic growth.

"Concerns like this will definitely have impacts for the economy, Black said.

The survey shows that Americans — both college graduates and those without degrees — have broadly benefited as the country healed from the Great Recession, which ended in 2009. But across age groups, a college degree has become less of an assurance of upward mobility. College graduates ages 50 and over, as



In this May 17, 2018, file photo, new graduates line up before the start of the Bergen Community College commencement at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Associated Press

well as those under 35, are less likely than they were in 1993 to describe themselves as middle or upper class.

Not surprisingly, Americans without a college degree have long felt even less connected to the middle class. Last year, six in 10 of them described themselves as working or lower class, about the same as the proportion who said so in 1983. (The survey didn't define middle class; respondents replied based on their own perceptions.)

All of which suggests that while college still offers a path upward, that route has been narrowed by student debt loads, an outpacing of home prices relative to wages and widening economic inequality. The income disparities go well beyond the gap between the top 1% of earners and all other households. Disparities are widening even within many occupations, including financial advisers, lawyers and physicians. The result is that an ostensibly middle class job title may provide a pay level more associated with a lower middle class job.

The survey finds that Americans' satisfaction with their personal finances has finally regained its pre-recession levels even though this hasn't led to increased

identification with the middle class. Both people who have graduated from college and those who haven't are now as likely as they were before the recession to say their financial situations have improved in the past year.

But Americans are also more likely than they were before the recession to say they feel overworked. College graduates are likelier than those without degrees to say they work overtime (80% to 70 and that they have more work to do than they can complete (40% to 30%).

Among college graduates who feel untethered from the middle class is Justin Provo of Chicago. At age 28, Provo says student debt has inhibited his path to the middle class. He borrowed a total of \$58,000 to graduate in 2017 from Roosevelt University with a degree in economics and philosophy.

Now a portfolio manager for a mortgage servicing company, he says his income-based loan repayment plan isn't enough to fully cover the interest on his loans. So his debt load keeps rising even though Provo is making his regular loan payments. Just last week, he received a real estate license in hopes of earning extra income to re-

duce his debts.

"I'm chipping at marble with a spoon," Provo said. "I'm making some progress, but I don't feel like I'm getting anywhere."

All told, student debt totals roughly \$1.5 trillion — a more than five-fold increase since 2004, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. To help manage the burden, many parents and older family members have borrowed to fund their children's educations.

Fed researchers concluded that the increase in education debt between 2005 and 2014 has prevented home ownership for roughly 400,000 young people. At the same time, many surveys show that student debt has also delayed marriages and household formation. The problem has emerged as an issue for the 2020 presidential election, with multiple Democratic candidates — most prominently Sen. Elizabeth Warren — calling for some form of student debt forgiveness. Economists have noted that rising college debt has in effect become an entry fee for the job market. Nearly 80% of the net 2 million job gains last year went to college graduates, even though just a third of adults hold a degree. But roughly 60% of college graduates


in 2017 had student loans, with the average borrower leaving college with about \$30,000 in debt, according to the College Board.

"Young people are facing unprecedented challenges that are preventing them from achieving what we all consider to be the American Dream," said Soncia Coleman, a senior director at Young Invincibles, an advocacy group for millennials.

"They need the education, but the cost to get it is astronomical."

What's more, disparities in pay have widened within individual job categories over the past decade, according to an analysis by Martha Gimbel, research director at Indeed.com, the jobs site. Using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Gimbel studied the gap between what the top 10% of a profession earned compared with the bottom 10%.

Gimbel found that the most unequal incomes now exist among financial services sales agents, medical doctors and real estate agents. Education, race, gender and age were relatively minor factors in the worsening wage equality within occupations. Among the more influential factors were the likelihood that workers are paid with bonuses, a concentration of high pay among superstar performers and unequal profits among employers. □



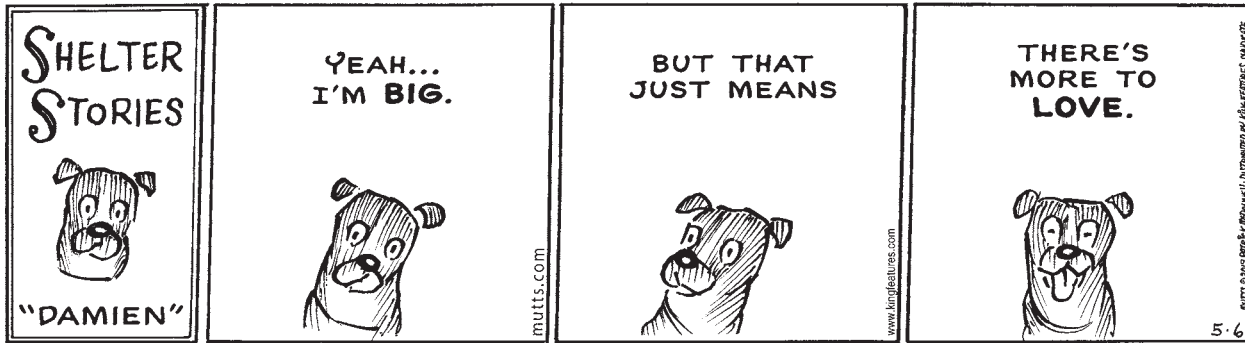
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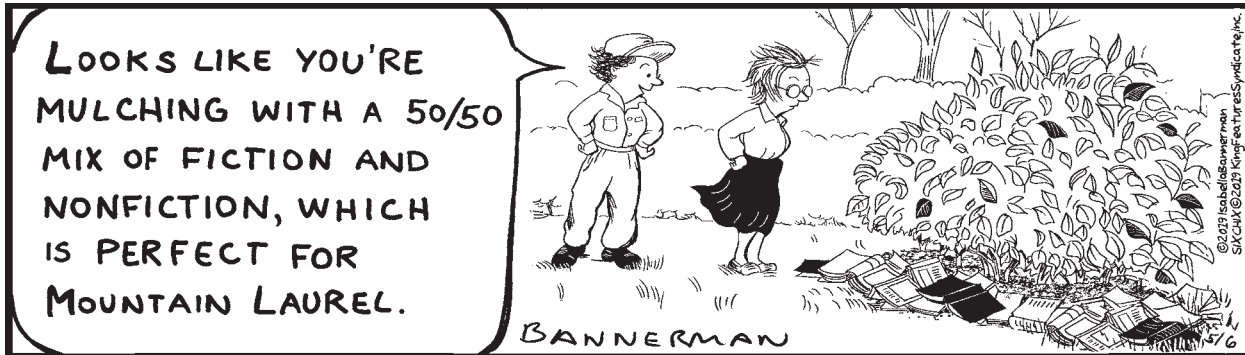
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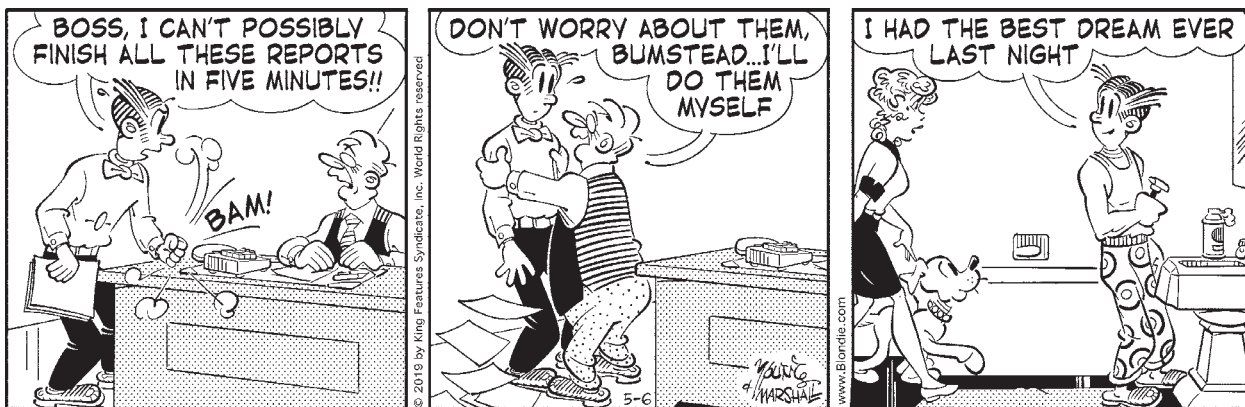
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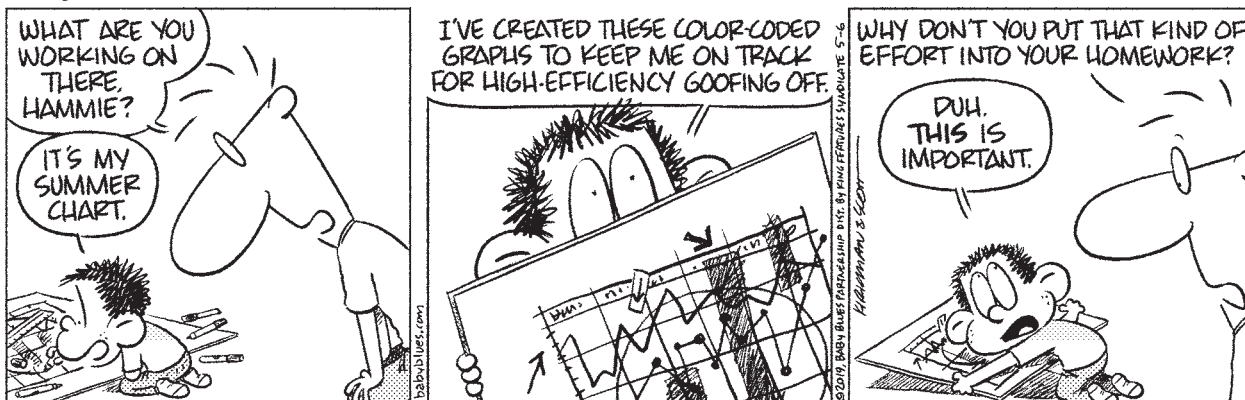
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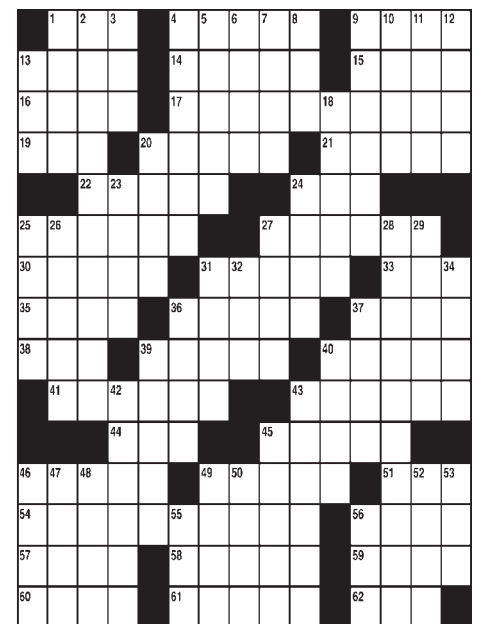
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Flower-to-be
- 4 Nonconformist
- 9 TV's "the Boss?"
- 13 off; repel
- 14 Banishment
- 15 "today, gone tomorrow"
- 16 Keep on; watch closely
- 17 Common cause of foodborne illness
- 19 to; because of
- 20 Ridicules
- 21 Williams & Griffith
- 22 Slanted
- 24 Facial twitch
- 25 Chide
- 27 Joan or Melissa
- 30 Modify
- 31 In the of life; at one's peak
- 33 Chicken king
- 35 Curved bones
- 36 Highways
- 37 Goulash
- 38 Org. for Rams & Raiders
- 39 Soft creamy candy
- 40 Fonda, Falk or Finch
- 41 Longs
- 43 Century 21 or REMAX
- 44 Pugs or pointer
- 45 "makes waste"
- 46 Flower stalks
- 49 Hair braid
- 51 Endeavor
- 54 Disloyal to one's nation
- 56 On the house
- 57 Boot out of office
- 58 One's strong point
- 59 Boys
- 60 Moistens
- 61 up; tallied
- 62 Walk; some NYC apartments



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- 4 Install new shoe bottoms
- 5 Precise
- 6 Cheat out of something
- 7 Rapidly growing trees
- 8 Name for 13 popes
- 9 From what place
- 10 up; delayed
- 11 Busy French airport
- 12 Black & Baltic
- 13 Floral wire service
- 18 Unsuspecting
- 20 Hand protector
- 23 Military bugle call
- 24 McGraw & Allen
- 25 Horse shelter
- 26 Enlighten; uplift
- 27 "Ticket to"
- 28 Ricketty old car
- 29 Winter forecast
- 31 Snow peas & okra
- 32 Cleaning cloth
- 34 Twisted; askew
- 36 Ladder piece

DOWN

- 1 Actor Bridges
- 2 Too much to tolerate
- 3 Dentist's letters

- 37 Chair or stool
- 39 Work on a cake
- 40 Pain in the neck
- 42 Fesses up
- 43 Elevated
- 45 Terre IN
- 46 Store away
- 47 Tried and trustworthy
- 48 Vane direction
- 49 Nudge
- 50 "The is my shepherd..." (Ps. 23)
- 52 Skelton & Barber
- 53 Affirmative
- 55 One kind; unique thing
- 56 Reason to take Mucinex

Unraveling the mystery of whether cows fart

By CALVIN WOODWARD
SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Let's clear the air about cow farts.

In the climate change debate, some policymakers seem to be bovine flatulence deniers.

This became apparent in the fuss over the Green New Deal put forward by some liberal Democrats. More precisely, the fuss over an information sheet issued by the plan's advocates.

With tongue in check or foot in mouth, depending on whom you ask, the statement's authors said that despite the plan's proposals for strong limits on emissions over a decade, "we aren't sure that we'll be able to fully get rid of farting cows and airplanes that fast."

Airplanes don't fart. But cows?

Exasperated by merciless mocking from Republicans on this matter, Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan lectured the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, on the floor of the chamber last month.

"The Republican majority leader said that we want to end air travel and cow farts," Stabenow said. "By the way, just for the record, cows don't fart. They belch."

The Associated Press surveyed global experts on global warming on this question, as well as an author who wrote the definitive science book on gassy animals, which comes with funny pictures.

THE FACTS: Cows fart. That contributes to global warming. But cow burps are worse for the climate. "Cows are pretty disgusting eaters, with methane coming from both ends," said Christopher Field at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment. "But most of it comes from burping." Field cited the "classic quote from the technical



In this May 8, 2018, filephoto, a Jersey cow feeds in a field on the Francis Thicke organic dairy farm in Fairfield, Iowa.

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literature" on the topic: "Of the CH₄ (methane) produced by enteric fermentation in the forestomach 95% was excreted by eructation (burp), and from CH₄ produced in the hindgut 89% was found to be excreted through the breath."

In a nutshell, belches are bad news.

At Tuscia University in Viterbo, Italy, environmental scholar Giampiero Grossi said methane emitted by ruminant livestock accounts for about 5.5% of the greenhouse gasses that come from human activity. More than 70% of livestock emissions are from cattle, he said.

"Ruminants are a significant source of methane," which traps more heat than carbon dioxide but doesn't

last as long in the air, said Kristie Ebi, director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the University of Washington in Seattle. "The belches have to do with digesting their food" in the stomach compartments, not intestines, and that fermentation produces methane.

Warming from the burning of fossil fuels is roughly 10 times to 17 times greater than warming caused by livestock burping and farting, Field said.

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For all of that, the Green New Deal does not seek to ban cows or planes as it sets ambitious targets to eliminate most greenhouse gas emissions responsible for global warming by 2030. □



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SpaceX launches supplies to space station after power delays

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.
(AP) — SpaceX launched a load of supplies to the International Space Station on Saturday following a pair of unusual power delays.

A Falcon rocket raced into the pre-dawn darkness, carrying a Dragon capsule with 5,500 pounds (2,500 kilograms) of goods. This recycled Dragon — which is making its second space trip — is due to arrive at the orbiting lab Monday. The booster, meanwhile, streaked to a smooth landing on a recovery ship just offshore.

SpaceX couldn't resist the Star Wars Day connection — Saturday is May 4.

"Dragon is now officially on the way to the space station," the SpaceX launch commentator announced once the capsule reached orbit and its solar wings unfurled. "Until next time, May the Fourth be with you."

The delivery is a few days late because of electrical power shortages that cropped up first at the space station, then at SpaceX's rocket-landing platform in the Atlantic. Both problems were quickly resolved with equipment replacements: a power-switching unit in orbit and a generator at sea.

Minutes after liftoff, SpaceX landed its brand new, first-stage booster on the ocean platform roughly 10 miles (16 kilometers) off the coast, considerably closer than usual with the sonic booms easily heard at the launch site.

"That looked really, really cool in the night sky," said Hans Koenigsmann, a SpaceX vice president who left his launch control seat



A SpaceX Falcon rocket carrying a load of supplies lifts off from Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. Saturday, May, 4, 2019.

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to run outside and watch. The booster likely will be reused for SpaceX's next station supply run. That's why the company and NASA halted Friday's countdown at the last minute — so the recovery ship could be repaired and have full power for the landing operation. It was the first time a launch like this was nixed by rocket-landing concerns.

The booster should have returned to Cape Canaveral, but SpaceX is still cleaning up from the April 20 accident that destroyed an empty crew Dragon capsule.

Koenigsmann said earlier this week the company still does not know what caused the empty capsule to burst apart in flames on a test stand. The capsule's SuperDraco launch-abort thrusters were just a half-second from firing when the blast occurred.

This first crew capsule had completed a successful test flight, minus a crew, to the space station in March. SpaceX intended to refly the capsule on a launch-abort test in June, ahead of the first flight with astronauts on a new crew Dragon. The schedule is now up in the air, as SpaceX scrambles to identify and correct whatever went wrong.

SpaceX has been restocking the station since 2012. This latest cargo Dragon — making the company's 17th shipment — is carrying equipment and experiments for the six space station astronauts, including an instrument to monitor carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere.

The California-based company is also under contract with NASA, along with Boeing, to transport astronauts to the space station. It's unclear whether these commercial crew flights will begin this year, given the Dragon accident and Boeing's own delays with its Starliner capsule.

Astronauts have not launched from Cape Canaveral since the last space shuttle mission in 2011, instead riding Russian rockets at a steep cost to NASA. □

Study says Hawaii reefs provide \$835M in flood protection

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's coral reefs provide more than \$835 million in flood protection for the state annually, according to a new study.

The report by the U.S. Geological Survey, The Nature Conservancy and the University of California-Santa Cruz established the value that the natural formations provide the islands, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Saturday.

The team worked with the engineering and insurance industries to create models estimating values for almost 2,000 miles of U.S. coral reef coastline.

"Most people have no idea how valuable coral reefs are for coastal protection," co-author Michael Beck, a research professor at UC-Santa Cruz, said in a statement.

Reefs act as submerged breakwaters, dissipating up to 97% of wave energy offshore. The new research

has built what are now the best flood risk maps available for U.S. coastlines, predicting risk at 33 feet by 33 feet (10 meters by 10 meters), which Beck said is comparable to one-100th of a city block.

"What you sort of forget is that if that reef wasn't offering that protection, you and that beach would not be there," he said.

Reefs provide more than \$1.8 billion in flood protection annually, including about \$12 million on Kauai, \$395 million on Oahu, \$377 million on Maui and \$51 million on the Big Island, the report said. The report says that in a 50-year storm, coral reefs off Honolulu alone could provide more than \$435 million in flood protection. The research included the coastlines of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. □

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Neon Future: DJ Steve Aoki's comic book sees techno-optimism

By DAVID FISCHER

MIAMI (AP) — Forget the dystopian future of science fiction stories, where Skynet endoskeletons stomp on dry human bones or people slumbering in fluid-filled pods serve as living batteries.

Electronic music producer and DJ Steve Aoki imagines a future where humans live in harmony with technology, and he's sharing that vision in a new comic book series called "Neon Future." Although science fiction narratives commonly depict cybernetic machines turning on their human masters, as in "The Terminator" or "The Matrix," Aoki doesn't buy it.

"A general plot is that technology is destroying humanity," Aoki said. "The robots are going to make us their slaves, or the human species is going to be exterminated by technology. But in this case, we are going to become augmented. ... We use technology for the good. It's a different kind of story."

"Neon Future" is set roughly 30 years from now in a United States that has outlawed advanced technology. A civil war is brewing between people who have integrated technology into their bodies and those who have not. The resistance movement, Neon Future, is led by a longhaired, bearded, Asian-American man named Kita Sovee — whose name happens to be an anagram of Steve Aoki. The series follows an anti-tech crusader who dies and is resurrected by a technology developed by Aoki's character.

"I believe that technology will merge with us," Aoki said. "I believe that at the end of the day, we will all become the robots. We will become cyborg beings where we can have super-human qualities with the technology."

Aoki said he liked the idea of having a character in the comic who's loosely based on him but not the primary protagonist. With two sides at war, Kita Sovee fights for a third way — a path of co-existence.

"He's the kind of the character that I would strive to become," Aoki said.

Aoki came up with the term Neon Future in 2014. He's used it in the title of three of his five studio albums, with "Neon Future" IV set to release later this year.

"Neon Future as a concept deserved an illustrative storytelling piece," Aoki said. "A piece that can paint the picture of what the Neon Future really means."

Aoki said he grew up reading Marvel comics, like Punisher, Wolverine, X-Men and Spider-Man.

"Before I got into music even, comics were my go-to," Aoki said. He was also a huge fan of Japanese animated films like "Ghost in the Shell," and even joined an anime club in college.

"I'm obsessed with future science technologies," Aoki said. "Before I was a science fiction guy, I was a comic book guy. That's where imagination comes from."

"Neon Future" is the first comic series produced by Impact Theory. Founder and CEO Tom Bilyeu said Aoki and his team were clear that they didn't want a series about a fictionalized version of Aoki going on adventures in some high-tech fantasy world or a marketing tool to promote his musical career. The top priority was creating a story that would appeal to comic fans.

"They did not want to be beholden to Steve's image as a person, the way that people think about him," Bilyeu said. "We thought of him as an actor. Imagine if Steve Aoki were cast as this character Kita Sovee."

Bilyeu was doing research and preparing to interview Aoki for a web series in 2017 when he realized Aoki shared his sense of "techno-optimism" and concluded Aoki might be the perfect partner.

"I realized that in real life he plans to be cryogenically frozen when he dies," Bilyeu said. "And I just thought that was so incredible, and I have a personal obsession with the possibility of living forever."



This image provided by Steve Aoki shows a scene from his comic book "Neon Future."

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He eventually pitched the idea of creating a comic book world around Aoki's "Neon Future" album series and then met with award-winning comic writer Jim Krueger to help bring their ideas to life.

Krueger, who's worked for DC and Marvel, said he initially expected just to give Bilyeu an overview of the comic industry.

"And then it just became fun from there," Krueger said. "He started telling me

about his ideas. I started telling him about my ideas, and it was kind of like, all business aside, really just two creators coming together and having the fun of beginning to create together." □

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New movie starring Pikachu is just a hokey Pokémon

By MARK KENNEDY
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It's got an adorable hero from an iconic media brand who is voiced by a proven box office master at snark. But, somehow, "Pokémon Detective Pikachu" never really gets arresting. A neutered Ryan Reynolds tries hard but can't make this live action-meets-animated movie gel. It's plodding and listless and really not funny or smart enough.

Turns out, you can't copy "Deadpool" tricks for the PG set. "Pokémon Detective Pikachu" borrows lightly from film noir crime dramas to create a mystery in a world where humans and Pokémon co-exist. A young man called Tim Goodman (the terrific Justice Smith) joins with Pikachu (Reynolds' voice) to search for what happened to the man's father, a missing detective. The movie's best mo-



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Justice Smith, left, the character Detective Pikachu, voiced by Ryan Reynolds, and Kathryn Newton in a scene from "Pokemon Detective Pikachu."

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ments are those between the scenes, where the Japan-born creatures thrillingly share the same urban space as humans. Smith is very appealing as a son coming to grips with the loss of his estranged father, but Reynolds, as a cute coffee-guzzling detective with a Sherlock Holmes' deer stalker cap, ping-pongs from heartfelt to caustic uneasily and tries to mimic his best-known, fourth-wall breaking "Deadpool" movie character ("That's a twist. Very twisty," he says of one plot point.) It's the most mismatched buddy flick since Will Smith teamed up with an Orc for "Bright."

The film starts slowly, builds to a sort of plateau and then ends with the final third consisting of nonstop action sequences and an underwhelming conclusion. Ken Watanabe is underused as a police chief. Equally inexplicably, Suki Waterhouse gets credit for a role in which she never speaks and lasts about 15 seconds onscreen. Speaking of speaking, you're probably wondering why there's any dialogue between the adorable pocket monsters and humans since Pokémon traditionally only just say their own names. Enter five screenwriters — Rob Let-

terman, Dan Hernandez, Benji Samit, Derek Connolly and Nicole Perlman. Their solution is a weird gas that makes everyone crazy but somehow allows Tim to communicate with Pika-chu. Sure, gas. The pair are joined by a junior reporter — really an unpaid intern tasked with writing listicles, played by a winning Kathryn Newton — who helps them get to the bottom of the mystery using shoe leather and guile. (This is a film that celebrates the media in a big way — there are newspaper clippings, honorable TV reporting and a respected giant cable network. )

Big Thief's 'U.F.O.F.' is hauntingly beautiful



This cover image released by 4AD shows "U.F.O.F.", a release by Big Thief.

Associated Press

By RAGAN CLARK
Associated Press
Big Thief, "U.F.O.F." (4AD)
Since the band's debut album in 2016, Big Thief has continued to pull audiences in, captured by the voice of lead singer Adrianne Lenker and the compelling, poetic lyrics the band pairs with her distinctive, deli-

cate tone. Her voice often comes across as angelic, but on "U.F.O.F.," the band's third album, her voice takes a turn. Coupled with cryptic lyrics and entrancing musical composition, her voice is haunting, as it floats through the album's 12 tracks.

based band comprised of Lenker, Buck Meek, Max Oleartchik and James Krivchenia, has mastered the balance of bringing the intricacies of folk to life with the grittiness of rock. "U.F.O.F" shows the underbelly of folk — it is vulnerable, obscure and imperfect in a way that feels transparent and raw. The lyrics are more enigmatic than some of Big Thief's previous songs, perhaps in an intentional effort to give a sense of disconnect. "Open Desert" is hard to make sense of, but holds their same poetic style. Similarly, album opener "Contact" is a song that is hypnotic and dream-like, with ambiguous lyrics: "Wrap me in silk/I want to drink your milk." □

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**New exhibit shows Keith Whitley's tragic, but lasting legacy**

By KRISTIN M. HALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Keith Whitley seemed destined to become a country star with his haunting, soulful baritone honed by his roots in Kentucky bluegrass. But his life was cut tragically short when he died of alcohol poisoning in 1989 at the age of 33 when his addiction finally overcame him. Thirty years after his death, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is marking his indelible legacy with an exhibit and a concert featuring Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Tracy Lawrence and more.

The exhibit, which opens Friday and runs until April 2020, is the first to focus solely on the Sandy Hook, Kentucky singer whose No. 1 country hits include "When You Say Nothing At All," "I'm No Stranger to the Rain" and "Don't Close Your Eyes." The concert will be held at the Hall of Fame on May 9 — the anniversary of



In this April 30, 2019, photo, Lorrie Morgan poses with her son, Jesse Keith Whitley, left, and adopted daughter Morgan Whitley, right, at the Keith Whitley exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

Whitley's death.

His widow, country singer Lorrie Morgan, brought their children and grandchildren to see the exhibit firsthand,

from the fringed leather jackets he liked to wear to his favorite guitar. Morgan said that while she's glad to see him finally get recog-

nized, she felt sad that he wasn't here to see the impact his music had.

"It is a sad story," Morgan told The Associated Press.

"This is not a fairytale ending."

They were married in 1986, and their son Jesse Keith Whitley was born shortly after. Whitley adopted Morgan's daughter from a previous relationship.

Whitley tried to get sober and Morgan tried to help, writing in her 1997 autobiography that she would tie their legs together in bed to keep him from sneaking out of bed to drink.

"What I hope people take away is the struggles that Keith had to live his dream," Morgan said.

Although he only released two solo albums prior to his death and another two albums posthumously, Whitley led the way for the new traditionalist movement in country music in the early '90s that included Brooks, Clint Black, Randy Travis and more.

His son Jesse Keith Whitley, now 31, will also be singing during the concert. □

Restored WWII bomber Memphis Belle makes public debut



The Memphis Belle, a Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress," is displayed for private viewing at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wednesday, May 16, 2018, in Dayton, Ohio.

Associated Press

By MITCH STACY

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Robert K. Morgan Jr.'s voice wavered with emotion when he talked about seeing the Memphis Belle all put together for the first time in 50 years. His father, Robert Sr., had flown the legendary B-17F on 25 perilous bombing missions in World War II and worked the rest of his life to make sure the airplane was

preserved. The famed "Flying Fortress," looking better than new, was put on public display Thursday morning after a restoration project that took more than a dozen years and 55,000 hours of labor at the National Museum of U.S. Air Force. "Dad would be so proud," said the 72-year-old Morgan, who lives in San Francisco. "I wish he were here.

It means everything to me and my family. He's here in spirit." Morgan traveled to Ohio along with families of the other Memphis Belle crew for a private unveiling of the plane Wednesday night and the public opening of the exhibit Thursday at the sprawling museum near Dayton. The debut came on the 75th anniversary of the

Belle's 25th and final combat mission of the war. Soon after the museum opened at 9 a.m., hundreds of people gathered around the exhibit trying to get the best angle of the famous plane for cellphone photos. The Memphis Belle was trucked to the museum in corroded pieces in 2005 after efforts to restore it in Memphis ran out of money and steam. It had been

displayed outdoors in its namesake city for decades after the war and was in bad shape due to weather and vandalism.

"I promised him when he was dying 14 years ago that I would do anything I could to keep the plane alive," Morgan said. "He knew before he passed that the plane was going to come to the museum, he knew that we couldn't keep it in Memphis. And he knew it would be preserved here, he knew it would be restored here. He was extremely glad that it would be here."

The Memphis Belle was feted as the first B-17 to complete 25 missions and return to the U.S. at a time when most crews in the strategic daylight bombing campaign were lucky to make it to a dozen.

The Belle wasn't the first B-17 to make the requisite 25 missions, it just happened to be the one that became famous, thanks to newspaper reporters and Hollywood director William Wyler, who decided to build a documentary around the last mission.

A wildly successful 32-city war bond tour around America in the summer of 1943 made national celebrities out of the airplane and crew. Wyler's 1944 documentary cemented the legacy, and a 1990 movie introduced it to a new generation. □



Visitors gather for a private viewing of the Memphis Belle, a Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress," at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, Wednesday, May 16, 2018, in Dayton, Ohio.

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